

What's It Worth?

Most people are extremely careful with treasures or keepsakes that they own or will inherit someday. Esau was a man who expected to inherit his father's birthright, but he was careless and lost that valuable treasure. What is a birthright? In the sentences below, choose & circle the word you think best describes a birthright.

In a Hebrew family, the birthright . . .

usually went to the firstborn son/child.

could/couldn't be sold or given away.

brought great/little respect and honor.

brought great/no responsibility of father's family after he died.

gave two-thirds/twice as much inheritance as other brothers.

If a birthright was so important, why did Esau sell his for a bowl of "stew"? _____

What about a spiritual birthright? Do you know who is entitled to receive it, and when? Try coming up with the correct answers to the following sentences by circling the word that best describes a spiritual birthright.

In God's family, the birthright . . .

is given to all/most who repent and are forgiven.

can be lost/found by neglect, carelessness, and sin.

offers money/blessings to all Christians.

brings the responsibility for/freedom from telling others about Jesus.

promises eternal life in paradise/Heaven.

As a Christian, is there anything that might make you would sell your spiritual birthright? Yes No

Make a list of some things that a person might "sell" their birthright for today? What will that thing be worth in eternity?

There are people today who care only about "now." They don't worry about what happens tomorrow. They don't care about other people's feelings. They only care about themselves and what they might gain out of every situation. Don't be one of those people. Take good care of the birthright you received from Jesus.



GOOD CHOICES



KEY VERSE *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36*

List some things that are valuable and can be *gained* in this world.





Esau was really hungry and all that mattered to him was getting something in his stomach. In a *temporary* situation he made a *permanent* bad choice that he regretted for the rest of his life. What are some bad choices young people today make that affect the rest of their lives.



God offers everyone that comes into this world the birthright of eternal life. He wants people to treasure eternal life and the things He is preparing for them in Heaven more than anything on this earth. Circle the ways you can protect your eternal birthright.

- Read and obey the Bible.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat balanced meals.
- Send time praying about your decisions.
- Exercise for 30 minutes three times a week.
- Be in church as often as possible.
- Share your faith with others.

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No Better Offer

Esau exchanged his birthright for a single meal of pottage. Using the following scenario, let's try to relate that to us today.

There is a family with two children. The father has an established business, and he wants it to remain in the family. The oldest child, a son, is the father's favorite, and so he begins to prepare his son to take over. Although the son has seen that his father's business can provide him with a prosperous living, he doesn't really appreciate the true value of it all. One day, after an exhausting basketball practice, he arrives home and is welcomed into the kitchen by his smiling, younger sister and the wonderful aroma of a pizza she has just made. Since she has always expressed an interest in the family business, he tells her, "I'll let Dad give you the business, if you'll just give me some of that pizza you're baking!"

Sounds pretty ridiculous, doesn't it? Surely, no one would ever exchange a thriving business for a pizza! Yet, when we compare this little story to the Gospel, we find that there are people who have heard the wonderful Gospel of Jesus and may even have known Him personally, and will still exchange the promise of eternal life for something as comparatively insignificant as a "pizza."

What are a few of the things that people might put a higher value on than eternal life?

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Do you think their vision of the future is short sighted? Yes No

If so, what do you think it will take to improve their "vision"?

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God offers us a life without guilt and a future in Heaven with Him! The world can't offer anything better than that.



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