

"The SALE OF A BIRTHRIGHT" Gen. 25:29-34.  
Heb. 12:14-16.

1. Consider Jacob's Conduct.

1. It was marked by unkindness unworthy of a brother. To drive a hard bargain at such a time was infamous.
2. It was marked by low cunning. To take an unfair advantage of his brother's need was a mean device.

2. Consider Esau's Action.

1. He abandoned himself to the delights and temptations of the appetite. Esau would have the savory food at all costs.

A. Other examples: Adam & Eve, Gen. 3:1-6  
Christ tempted, Matthew 4:1-11.

2. Esau was lacking in a true sense of honor and nobility. He should have maintained his position in the family, at any inconvenience to himself.

3. Esau showed a powerlessness to resist temptation. See 1 Cor. 10:12-13. Esau heard the terms proposed, instead of resisting the tempter, he yielded easily, then speaks contemptuously of his birthright, Verse 32.

4. Esau preferred the near and certain to the distant and probable.

1. Such is the tyranny which this present world exercises over its present children. Lack of self-control.

2 Cor. 4:18. Proverbs 16:32

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