

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)

"God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

### **God-Centered Living**

Confidence and Trust in God

Depends on God's Ability & Provision

Seeks Wisdom From God and His Word

Willing to YIELD Right (die to self)

Patient, Gentle, Tender-Hearted

Allows Holy Spirit to Give Goals, Plans, Directions

Prioritizes Life Around Things That Please the Lord

Seeks Only to Be Approved Unto God

Marked by Godly and Extraordinary Living

### **Self-Centered Living**

Confidence and Trust in Myself

Depends on my Own Ability & Accomplishments

Seeks Wisdom From My Own Reasoning

Focuses on My Rights

Anxious, Bitter, Easily Offended

Seeks to Establish Own Goals, Plans, Agendas

Prioritizes Life Around Money, Self, Pleasure

Seeks Worldly Affirmation and Acknowledgement

Marked by Selfish and Ordinary Living

## **Choosing a God-Centered Life Genesis 12 - 22**

Genesis 12:1-5

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

### **I. Be Submissive To Gods Will**

Verse 4 – So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.

Genesis 22:1-3 (NIV)

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

Psalm 81:10-14 (NIV)

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would follow my ways, how quickly would I subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!"

Psalm 44:11-18 (NASB)

You have scattered us among the nations. You make us a reproach to our neighbors,... A laughingstock among the peoples. All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You.... Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Your way

## **II. Cultivate close personal fellowship With God**

Verse 1 – "The Lord said to Abram...."

Exodus 15:1,4 (NIV)

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

Exodus 17:1-4 (NIV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

Psalm 119:28,133,162

Strengthen me according to your word... Direct my footsteps according to your word; ... rejoice in your word like one who finds great spoil.

### ***Andrew Bonar***

"Tonight I gave myself to a time of waiting upon the Lord. I had not been much in the spirit of prayer, but now several things have become clear to me. I realize I have not communed enough with the Lord, nor come to Him as often as I should. Little forethought has been given to the requests I've made. There has been much conversing and outward engagement with men, but I have not been occupied enough with God himself. I also realize that a closeness to Him gives abundant strength and is like sunlight shining through the clouds on a gloomy day."

"Passion for Jesus is not the fruit of our devotion to Him.  
It is the fruit of our recognizing His devotion to us."

## **III. Be willing to let God accomplish His purposes through you.**

Verses 1-2 – “Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

The Essence of God centered living is:  
*Cultivating a heart that desires no other will but the will of God.*