



**ABC's of Dollars and Cents: Abraham's Promise**

*Romans 4:3*

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*Proverbs 10:4, 12:24, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, 1 Timothy 6:17, Hebrews 6:12, Romans 4:3*

Abraham was a great man because he was a man of faith.

Abraham's faith required him to make a decision. *Genesis 22:2-4*

Abraham wasn't being impulsive in making his decision

*2 Corinthians 9:7, Proverbs 3:9*

Abraham based his decision on a specific promise. *Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:17-19*

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

If we honor God with our firstfruits + if we trust Him with our tithe =, then He will reward us.

Abraham's decision increased his faith and gave him a powerful testimony for God. *Genesis 22:12-14*

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*Proverbs 10:4 NIV*

*Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

*Proverbs 12:24 NIV*

*Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.*

*2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 NIV*

*For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.*

*1 Timothy 6:17 NIV*

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

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*Hebrews 6:12 NIV*

*We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*

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*Romans 4:3 NIV*

*What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."*

*Romans 4:16 NIV*

*Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.*

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**Abraham was a great man because he was a man of FAITH.**

**Abraham's faith required him to make a DECISION.**

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*Genesis 22:2-4 NIV*

*Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded 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. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.*

**Abraham wasn't being IMPULSIVE in making his decision**

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*2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV*

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*Proverbs 3:9 NIV*

*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.*

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**Third, Abraham based his decision on a specific PROMISE.**

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*Genesis 22:5 NIV*

*He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."*

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*Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV*

*By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the*

*promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.*

**1. God promised him this boy + 2. God promised that “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned” + 3. God couldn’t lie = 4. Therefore even if Isaac died up there on the mountain top, God would raise him from the dead.**

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*Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.  
10 Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.*

**If we honor Him with our firstfruits +, if we trust Him with our tithe =, then God will reward us.**

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**Abraham’s decision increased his faith and gave him a powerful testimony for God.**

*Genesis 22:12-14 NIV\_“Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.<sup>14</sup> Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the LORD will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”*

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**Be prepared to give a tithe next week.**

**Be praying about a tithe next week.**

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