

# ***WHAT'S YOUR PRICE TAG?***

**(Genesis 25:19-34)**

- Introduction:
1. Many people in the world just do not understand why we would deny ourselves and become Christians. - Ills. of football game between Tishimingo and Falkner, 1988.
  2. Being a young person is very difficult because you are expected to make responsible decisions without the assistance of experience - so mistakes are often made.
  3. The things I have to say are intended to help you make responsible decisions about matters you will confront or are currently confronting.

## **I. JACOB, ESAU, & THE BIRTHRIGHT**

- A. Jacob was a mild man who dwelt in the tents.
- B. Esau was a skilled hunter, a man of the field.
- C. Esau was hungry and sold his birthright for a bowl of soup.
- D. This was a foolish decision, that he later regretted (Hebrews 12:16).

## **II. WHAT'S YOUR PRICETAG - SEXUAL IMPURITY?**

- A. Some sell out to sexual impurity.
  1. We live in a society that bombards us with sexual images through the media.
    - a. This has a desensitizing effect.
    - b. It suggests to us that sexual activity is the norm.
- B. Statistics reflect this fact.
  1. By age 20, 74% of non-Christians have lost their virginity.
  2. By age 20, 56% of Christians have lost their virginity.
  3. The virginity rate among non-Christian teens is 40%.
  4. The virginity rate among Christian teens is 71%.
  5. However, 75% of Christian teens have been sexually promiscuous in some form or another.
- C. How to keep yourself sexually pure.
  1. Don't feed on sexually oriented material (Philippians 4:8).
  2. Set standards ahead of time (Daniel 1:8).
  3. Choose carefully whom you date (I Corinthians 15:33).
  4. Control and plan your dates.
  5. Commitment to God (Ephesians 5:3).
- D. Why keep yourself sexually pure.
  1. Temporal consequences (Proverbs 6:27).
  2. Eternal consequences (Galatians 5:19-21).

## **II. WHAT'S YOUR PRICETAG - DISHONESTY?**

- A. (Proverbs 6:16-19) Three of the seven things God hates has to do with some form of dishonesty.
- B. Lying, deception, cheating are all forms of dishonesty.
- C. (Romans 12:17) Provide all things honest in the sight of all men.
- D. (Romans 3:8).

## **III. WHAT'S YOUR PRICETAG - POPULARITY?**

- A. What young people won't do to gain popularity.
- B. (Exodus 23:2) Do not follow a crowd to do evil.
- C. Drink, drugs, movies, dress...

## **IV. WHAT'S YOUR PRICETAG - FOUL LANGUAGE?**

- A. Cursing, off color jokes, gossip, racial slurs...
- B. (Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for edification that it may impart grace to the hearers."

- Conclusion:
- 1. (Matthew 16:26) What shall it profit a man...
  - 2. If you are a child of God, you have an inheritance, a birthright.
  - 3. Don't sell out for anything less.