

VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:
GENESIS 24-25

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24: 1-66, Ingredients for Selection of a Mate

1. Wisdom (Abraham's involvement)
 - a. Knowledge: Knowing what
 - b. Wisdom: Knowing what to do with what
 - c. Knowledge: Knowing how
 - d. Wisdom: Knowing why
2. Prayer (Eliezer)
3. Above and beyond with joy
4. Beauty in the eye of the beholder
5. Vision beyond family and background (brother Laban)
6. Independent thinker
7. Risk taking faith
8. Respect for God
9. Discernment regarding people
10. Loving

25: 1-6, When we allow life to continue

Miracles can still happen

The importance of inheritance (Proverbs 13:22)

Inheritance means we look beyond ourselves

Inheritance blesses others as we have been blessed

Inheritance recognizes our debt to the next generation

Inheritance must be planned for in advance

Inheritance must be saved

Inheritance must be distributed based upon of individuals who are to receive them

Inheritance must be clearly communicated

25: 7-18, Peace at time of death

When directions are clearly given then peace can occur at time of sorrow

Ishmael's inheritance (If we do our part in planning, saving and communicating), God will do God's part in provision

25: 19-34, Family rivalry

Inherent in all families

Sometimes begins with actions and attitudes of parents

Parenting is an imprecise, inexact, trial and error lifelong experience (that is complicated time and marriage)

Before we scold children, look at the parents

The importance of early warning signs