



# A Life Well-Lived (or Not)

**GENESIS 18:16—19:39**

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1. How to live EFFECTIVELY for God 18:16-23

- A. Spend time in His presence
- B. Influence family and friends to follow God
- C. Pray Boldly

2. How to live INEFFECTIVELY for God 19:1-11

**2 Peter 2:4-10** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 **and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—** 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. 10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

- A. Move (1 step at a time) toward Your Desires  
*Gen. 13:10 ... Looked, Gen. 13:12 ... Pitched his tent, Gen. 14 ... Relocated*
- B. Become desensitized to God's Desires

**Matt. 6:24** “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



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### 3. Results of living INEFFECTIVELY for God

19:12-38

#### A. No Influence

**Luke 17:28-32** 28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32 Remember Lot's wife!

#### B. In Torment (2 Peter 2:4-10)

#### C. With Lasting Consequences

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18**, 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

## Discussion Questions

1. What verses or thoughts stood out in your study of Gen. 18:16 – 19:38?
2. What do you believe about God? How effectively are you influencing those around you with what you believe?
3. What has caused you to live ineffectively at times? What can you change to regain your effectiveness for Christ?
4. What can you do when faced with the consequences of having lived life ineffectively? (Remember Abraham) Is anything too hard for God?