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# GENERATIONS

## **The Warning**

**Genesis 25:27-34**

**Hebrews 12:16-17**

**Matthew 12:31**

**1 Timothy 1:15-16**

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## Study Guide

*For the week of February 23, 2025*

*(Questions and Scriptures for further study)*

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to be warned to change your ways (health, habits, driving, etc.)? What happened?

Have you ever felt like God wanted you to make some changes? What happened?

What are some ways we let our physical needs or desires become more important than spiritual realities?

Read Genesis 25:27-34. What kind of man was Esau?

What kind of man was Jacob?

Each parent had a favorite. Why?

What was the significance of the birthright? Was it primarily spiritual, physical/financial, or both?

Why was Esau willing to part with his birthright?

Was Jacob right in trying to buy the birthright?

Why do you think Esau is described as despising his birthright?

Read Hebrews 12:16-17. In this passage, what is Esau's selling his birthright compared to?

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How is selling the birthright like sexual immorality?

Why is the temptation of immediate gratification so dangerous?

What are some things people today throw away for temporary pleasure?

Why was Esau rejected? How do we apply that to our lives?

Read Matthew 12:22-32. What did Jesus do? How did the Pharisees explain Jesus' actions?

How, according to Jesus, did their explanation not make sense?

Read verse 31. What do you find encouraging in that verse? Do you find anything confusing or difficult to understand in that verse?

How do you understand the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? How was it explained on Sunday?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. What was Paul like before he was saved?

What did Jesus do for Paul, in spite of Paul being a murderer, blasphemer, persecutor, and hater?

If Jesus can do that for Paul, what does that mean for us and for others?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study? How can we pray with you about those needs? Consider memorizing 1 Timothy 1:16-17.