

## Genesis 13:2

*Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.*

When we think of Abram (Abraham), what do we think of? Usually that He is the father of faith or was a perfect example of faith, which is true.

† **Romans 4:3 (NLT2)** *For the Scriptures tell us, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.”*

But did you ever notice today’s verse and something that it says about Abram that we tend to look down upon or shy away from?

† *“Abram was very rich”*

When the bible says things like, “she was very beautiful” or “he was very rich”, these are not just words to exaggerate the truth, it means that she was a gorgeous babe (very beautiful), or in today’s verse that Abraham was stinking rich (very rich). It also says that Abram’s richness was *“in livestock, in silver, and in gold.”* and that Abram and his nephew, Lot were so rich that:

† **Genesis 13:6** *Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.*

Yet, even though Abram had so much materialistic things and was loaded to the gills with it. He is not know for that at all. But if I say the names of people like, Bill Gates who’s net worth is \$132.7 billion dollars, or Elon Musk who’s net worth is \$199.8 billion dollars, their riches are one thing we usually associate them with. But we never think of Abraham as being one of the richest men on the earth at that time. And the bible does not emphasizes the fact that he was rich, but the emphasis is on Abraham’s faith, not his riches. Abraham’s faith was not in his riches, but in his GOD!

† **Genesis 15:6 (NLT2)** *And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

This verse was when God came to Abram and told him when he was in his 80’s, that he was going to have a son, *“And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.”*

But Abram did not say (as we would today) *“I have all this money and there are operations, pills, sperm banks, etc.. that I can use so I can have kids.”* Because, people today rely on their riches and technology to fulfill what they want, or even what they think is God’s desire is for them. When we do that, we are taking all the glory away from the Lord and putting it on man and

our riches or technology. We are also forcing things to happen in our lives that God may not want us to have or do.

*“Well, I’m not rich so this doesn’t apply to me”* you may be thinking. I’m in the same boat as you, but how many times do we look to what we have, or can get from others (like the bank, loan from a friend or family member, etc..) instead of truly looking to the Lord and His provisions with Him receiving the glory?

Medicine, technology, money can all be good things given to us from the Lord, but when it leads us to look away from the Lord for help and look to our own resources to get what we want or to bail us out of the trouble we are in. (Once again, there is a time for those things to help us out, because God has given man wisdom in medicines, technology, etc. to help us live life.) But it’s when we depend upon those things to help us out and replace God with these things instead, then we are in sin. Because we have put our trust in man made things and man’s wisdom (or lack of it) to get what we think we need or want. And if we force it to happen, then it’s very likely not the Lord’s will, but our lust we are trying to fulfill.

† **Isaiah 57:13 (NLT2)** *Let’s see if your idols can save you when you cry to them for help. Why, a puff of wind can knock them down! If you just breathe on them, they fall over! But whoever trusts in me will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain.”*

† **Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*