

## Genesis 13:2

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

When you think of Abraham, what do you think of?

Usually that He was 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 Abraham, 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, or in today’s verse that Abraham was stinking rich. Also it says that Abraham’s richness was **“in livestock, in silver, and in gold.”**

Yet, even though he 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.

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

This verses 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. Simply, people today rely on their riches and technology to fulfill what they want, or even God’s desire for them. When we do that, we are taking all the glory away from the Lord and putting it on man and our riches.

“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 and Him receiving the glory?

Medicine, technology, money all lead us to look away from the Lord for help and look to our own resources do get what we want or to bail us out of the trouble we are in. And 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 them instead that we are in sin. Because you have put your trust in man made things and man’s wisdom (or lack of it) to get what you think you need or want.

† **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.”*