

The Godly Man as Christ's Representative

A Biblical Example - Abraham

This lesson (on Abraham) is a type of character study. This is a very interesting and rewarding way of studying Biblical personalities. To encourage and aid you in doing other such studies on your own from the Bible, a sample outline you might wish to follow is included here:

Character Study Outline

1. List all the characteristics, good and bad, of the person to be studied (i.e. Abraham).
2. Check a concordance to get verses of Scripture on these characteristics. (For instance: if the person was obedient to God, find a verse that speaks of the blessings of obedience; if the person lied or hurt others by the use of his tongue, find a verse that tells what God thinks of wrong use of the tongue; if the person believed God for great things, find a verse that tells the value God places on such belief, etc.)
3. Write a thumb-nail sketch or a brief summary of the person's life.
4. Write out problems. These can be things you don't understand about the person, or things you don't understand about God's dealings with him. State in the form of questions.
5. State what you think is the leading lesson taught by this life.
6. Make a personal application (*The previous chapter explains how*).

Abraham: Friend of God

Scripture references:

Genesis 11:29-31	Genesis 16:1-6, 15-16	Genesis 21:1-14, 22-34
Genesis 12:1-9, 10-20	Genesis 17:1-27	Genesis 22:1-19
Genesis 13:1-13, 14-18	Genesis 18:1-15, 16-33	Genesis 23:1-20
Genesis 14:14-24	Genesis 19:27	Genesis 24:1-9
Genesis 15:1-21	Genesis 20:1-18, 2-12	Genesis 25:1-10

1. List all the characteristics and attitudes you see in his life-both good and bad.

2. List at least five of the above characteristics. From your own knowledge of the Bible, or using a concordance, find a cross-reference for each one.

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Cross-Reference</i>
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3. Write a brief summary of his life:

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4. What problems do you find in understanding either God's dealing with Abraham or his response to God or other people?

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5. What do you think were some of this man's attitudes

- a. Toward God?
- b. Toward his wife?
- c. Toward his children?

6. What would you say is the leading lesson taught by his life?

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7. What key insight about God did you discover while studying the life of Abraham?

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8. What trait do you see in Abraham that you would like to see in your own life?

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9. Using the "How to Make A Personal Application from Bible Study" outline from the previous section, write out what action you will take this week to make a personal application from this study.

- a. What impresses me most?
- b. Where do I fall short in this?
- c. What do I intend to do about it, with God's help?