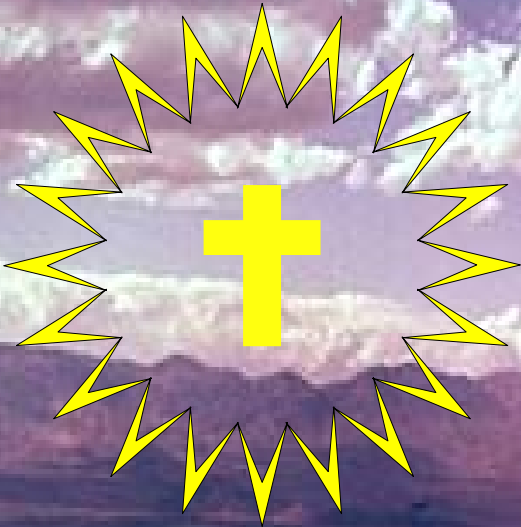


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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

On March 19, 1988 at a desert retreat, the Lord spoke audibly to Timothy II for two hours. The very first statement the Lord made at that time was: **“You must be willing to give all, at all costs”**.

This I call **“The Abraham Experience”**.

The Lord made this statement prior to all the rest of His Message. I realized later, that this was because until I accepted this "Commandment", the rest of His Message would not come to fruition.

What the Lord told Timothy II that he must do, may sound simple; but to actually experience it is amazingly difficult. Remember, this was a "Commandment" from the Lord, not a suggestion, and if I truly wanted to Serve Him - I must do it!

In order for all Christians in Leadership to truly answer the Call of God, it takes **“The Abraham Experience”**. We must be willing to literally give up our most prized possessions.

Abraham was willing to give up his son, would you be willing to do the same?
This must be done through Faith! (Hebrews 11:17)

What we prove by going through this **"Abraham Experience"**, is our 'Fear of the Lord'. (Genesis 22:12)

This way the Lord knows He can trust us, because we will prove to Him that we "hate evil" and are willing to "depart from it"! (Proverbs 8:13 16:6)

That is why the "Fear of the Lord", is called His Treasure! (Isaiah 33:6)

Even though Timothy II knew that if he didn't do what the Lord had Commanded, he would be 'out of here'; it still took Timothy II from March 19, 1988 until May 4, 1989, to actually do **“The Abraham Experience”**, and make a total commitment to the Lord.

I am not sure why, but the Lord was gracious enough to give Timothy II that length of time to make up his mind.

After doing **"The Abraham Experience"**, Timothy II has never turned nor looked back, no matter what the circumstances!

And neither will you!!

Amen!

1. WHAT IS IT THE LORD EXPECTED TIMOTHY II TO GIVE UP?

The following list is what the Lord expected Timothy II to give up:

#1. My wife:

Would God really ask that of me, and take my wife? (Read Ezekiel 24:15-18 Luke 14:26,27)

#2. My family:

Like Abraham, this too was very difficult. (Read Job 1:8-22 Matthew 10:37,38)

#3. My Work:

I wasn't ready to retire. (Read Job 1:8-22)

#4. Our house:

We were going to retire there. (Read Job 1:8-22 Mark 10:29, 30)

#5. Our possessions (toys):

Our condo in Palm Springs, our boat, our 2 Cadillac's. (Read Job 1:8-22)

#1. The most difficult decision for me was to willingly give up my wife if the Lord would literally take her. I had always depended on her for so much, I didn't believe I could do this work without her. At the time, we had been married for 37 years and I would miss her so much if anything happened to her.

Even though the Lord had told me in the desert that, "Lavona will be with you in all things"; I didn't know if He meant 'physically' or 'Spiritually'. I wrestled with that for months. As it has worked out, the Lord meant that my wife would be with me both physically and Spiritually. She has accompanied me throughout many of our journeys to the Philippines and elsewhere; however, not without an occasional balking.

#2. The family too was very difficult to be willing to sacrifice; but I felt the Lord meant that they would not be with me in all things. This has happened as they have not all joined in the Timothy II work, and some have fallen away.

#3. The Lord had already taken away my main interest in my work, which was Coaching Football. Out of one hundred Community Colleges in California, ours was the only one to drop football. After that, it was my Teaching that I had to give up. Although I was able to retire, we had to give up about half of our income and learn to live on much less. I also enjoyed Teaching very much, and I really didn't want to give it up.

#4. We had a beautiful home on the water in Huntington Harbour, California, with our own dock and boat right outside the living room. I could fish right off of my own porch. If I were to retire, we would have to give up our house as we could not afford it. I also needed to replace some funds in my retirement account that I had withdrawn, which would have to come from the sale of the house This we did.

#5. Our possessions consisted of many 'toys'. Our condo in Palm Springs was our weekend retreat. Our boat was my hobby. Our 2 Cadillac's were our prestige to show that we had arrived.

We had to sell our condo, our boat and 2 Cad's to reduce our debt, and to also preserve the wasted time and energy that they took up in our lives.

The trouble with most of these things is not that they are evil in themselves, but that they are costly and time consuming to keep up, and they detract from the life style that we are now committed to.

Since giving up what the Lord expected Timothy II to give up, the Lord has given us a nice house for entertaining guests, average cars, and enough finances to be able to travel to wherever He Calls Timothy II to go.

I never realized, probably much like Abraham, that you must be *willing* to give up all that you have; but the Lord doesn't necessarily take all that we have.

Since God knows what we truly need to Serve Him, He will provide us with all that we need..

2. HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY DO "THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE"?

In order to 'DO' "The Abraham Experience", you must go before the Lord and 'Spiritually' build an alter to Him. (Not physically)

Then you must take each possession you covet, and 'Spiritually' put them on the alter.

You may wonder what I mean by 'Spiritually'; it means that you must actually see yourself doing this in front of God, and know that He is watching you!

I had to start with my wife and actually 'Spiritually' see myself laying her on the alter, realizing by doing so that she may not be with me for very long; and then with prayer, raise up the 'Spiritual knife' and bring it down upon her.

After that, taking each possession and doing the same.

This is 'NOT' a game, and it is truly a devastating and humbling experience.

I repeat, 'THIS IS NOT A GAME'!!

Don't even attempt it unless God has told you to.

When you do it, you must mean business, or it could literally cost you your life.

(1 Corinthians 11:30)

When sharing about "The Abraham Experience", I have had many Christians tell me "oh, I have done that" ; but by their lifestyles, you can tell that they have no clue what you are talking about. It is best to ignore these 'so-called Christians'. (Matthew 7:6)

3. SCRIPTURES CONCERNING THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE:

The following are the Scriptures concerning "The Abraham Experience".

Gen 22:1-2

1 And it came to pass after these things, that **God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.**

2 **And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering** upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Gen 22:6

6 **And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.**

Gen 22:9-12

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; **and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar** upon the wood.

10 **And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.**

11 **And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.**

12 **And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou 'Fearest God',** seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Heb 11:17-19

17 **By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac:** and he that had received the promises **offered up his only begotten son,**

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 **Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;** from whence also he received him in a figure.

Rom 4:3

3 **For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**

Rom 4:13

13 **For the promise,** that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but **through the righteousness of faith.**

Rom 4:16-24

16 **Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace;** to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, **and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

18 **Who against hope believed in hope**, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 **And being not weak in faith**, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 **And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

23 **Now it was not written for his sake alone**, that it was imputed to him;

24 **But for us also**, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

CONCLUSION:

Now hear this and listen! If you want to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ and Serve Him, Jesus said you 'MUST':

Luke 14:27-30

27 **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

28 **For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost**, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 **Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it**, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Luke 14:33

33 **So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

AMEN!

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