

The Danger of Compromise
Esau: Forfeiting My Identity For Momentary Convenience
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We are in danger of compromise when:

- we act on our impulses (Matthew 4:4; Psalm 119:11)
- we live for the moment (Isaiah 30:18; Matthew 6:33)
- we seek to gain immediate gratification
(Mark 8:36; Titus 2:11-14)

What is the “birthright”?

- It is the privilege of the first-born son of the family:
 - to a double portion of his father’s estate
(Deuteronomy 21:17)
 - to assume the authority and leadership
of the family (Genesis 27:29)

We have a *birthright*...

- God has given us a new identity (1 Peter 2:9-10)
- We are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- In a new family (Ephesians 3:15)
- With a new position (Galatians 3:26-29)
- With an eternal inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5)

The Danger: Trading away the priceless for the
meaningless (Hebrews 12:16-17)

The Solution: Knowing that our identity is the door to our
destiny (Colossians 3:1-4)

Living it out...

What are you willing to trade in order to get what you want in life?

What is it that you value? What is it that determines your
priorities? List your responses. _____

How often do you consider the consequences of your decisions?

Would that make a difference in your decision? How? _____
