

GETTING AHEAD OF GOD

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TEXT: Matthew 6:10

INTRODUCTION:

1. Comment on **Genesis chapter 12, 16 and 17** concerning Abraham and Sarah.
2. Decision making is a daily routine in all of our lives.
3. Certainly, some decisions are more important than others.
4. Some decisions have the potential of changing our lives forever for the good or bad.
5. All important decisions should always be carefully and thoughtfully made with God's will in mind.
5. Often we are too careless with our decision making.

I. GOD'S WAY IS ALWAYS THE BEST WAY

- A. It is motivated by His wisdom.
- B. It is motivated by His love.
- C. It is motivated by His peace – **Colossians 3:15**.
- D. It Involves His perfect timing.

II. WHAT MOTIVATES US TO GET AHEAD OF GOD?

- A. The intensity of the desire.
- B. A feeling of need.
- C. Wrong thinking.
- D. Pressure from other people.
- E. Impatience.
- F. Doubtfulness.
- G. Pride.
- H. Selfishness.
- I. Rationalization.
- J. A wrong view of who God is.

III. CONSEQUENCES OF GETTING AHEAD OF GOD

- A. Disappointment.
- B. Disharmony.
- C. We are denied God's best.
- D. Spiritual defeat.

IV. WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF US

- A. Faith to believe it – **Mark 9:23**.
- B. Hope to anticipate it.
- C. Patience to wait for it – **James 1:2-4**.

CONCLUSION: