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What do you think caused Esau to sell his birthright so quickly and cheaply?

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## THE HUMAN FACTOR

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Can you think of a time when you outsmarted someone in order to get something that you believed was rightfully yours? Yes [ ] No [ ]

What does this behavior show about us and our faith?

- A) We don't trust God.
- B) We don't hear God.
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- B) His good life
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What do Jacob's actions in Genesis 27 tell you about his character?

- A) He was conniving
- B) He was smart
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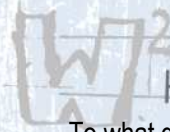


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