October Sermon Series

Biblical STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Resources

October 4th, 2026

Proverbs 21:20

The WISE store up choice food
and olive oil, but FOOLS
swallow theirs up.

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 41:34-36

Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food.

This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.

Lesson One:

The Joseph Principle

Identify the Cycle
Build during abundance
Structure the reserves
Distribute strategically during crisis.

The Joseph Principle:

SAVE in the years of plenty to
SURVIVE the years of lack.

“What you meant for evil, God has turned for good”

Five Actions from the Joseph Principle:

1. Be Faithful In Every Season.

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

2. Seek Godly Wisdom.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you
should ask God, who gives
generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you.

Proverbs 2:10-11

When wisdom enters your heart, you will become a changed person…. Wisdom also gives us discernment.

God is the ultimate source of discernment and wisdom. Stay connected to Him for direction and clarity in making decisions in your own life.

3. Save During Times Of Abundance.

Don't consume everything just because you have enough today.

4. Manage Scarcity Wisely.

5. Preparation Creates Leverage.

Joseph's approach to resource (wealth) management was not purely physical but also spiritual.

Our finances are not separate from our spiritual lives.

Money is a spiritual thermometer measuring where your heart and trust truly rest.

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or WHATEVER YOU DO, do all to the glory of God.

The Big Question:

Am I spending, giving and saving for His glory and not my own?