OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Biblical Stewardship

MANAGING GOD'S RESOURCES

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Proverbs 21:20

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools swallow theirs up.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 41:47-49

“Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. So, he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities;

he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. Joseph gathered much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.

The Joseph Principle:

Save in the years of plenty to survive the years of lack.

Five Actions from the Joseph Principle:

1. Be Faithful In Every Season.
2. Seek Godly Wisdom.
3. Save During Times Of Abundance.
4. Manage Scarcity Wisely.
5. Preparation Creates Leverage.

Lesson Two:

Financial Lessons from Joseph

1. Dream Big, But Prepare For The Dream

Genesis 37:5

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

Don't only pray about your future, prepare for it. No one arrives at a future they didn't prepare for.

2. Your Current Position Does Not Define Your Destination.

Genesis 37:20

Come now therefore, let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

Genesis 39:20

And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

Genesis 41:39-40

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house (palace) and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Never allow your current financial condition to convince you that your future is impossible.

Delays require perseverance.

3. Develop Skills Before The Opportunity Arrives.

Genesis 41:39-40

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you."

“When opportunity knocks, it’s too late to prepare.”

4. Save During The Years Of Plenty.

Proverbs 13:7

One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

5. Think Beyond Today.

“What will happen tomorrow if I spend everything today?”

6. Wealth Creation Requires Management.

Three Management Actions:

1. Joseph stockpiled the surplus.
2. Joseph managed the famine.
3. He consolidated the wealth.

Making money is important. Managing money is equally important.

7. Purpose Can Create Impact Beyond Yourself.

True prosperity should not end with you. God blesses us so that our lives can become a blessing to others.

Don't merely ask: "Lord, give me money."

Also ask: "Lord, give me wisdom to create, manage and multiply resources."

“Don’t use all your health to chase after wealth, only to spend all your wealth later to get back your health.”