



THY KINGDOM COME:

# SAVED FOR STEWARDSHIP

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## **Genesis 1:1-5**

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

## **Genesis 39:1-5**

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

- Joseph shows us in the text that stewardship is a mindset that exists in a person regardless of what is going on around us.
- Joseph shows us that stewardship, when properly practiced, produces great benefit to all regardless of their religion and/or belief.
- You can say, 'I believe in Christ,' and still be a bad steward. God's responsibility to us is salvation. Our responsibility to God is stewardship. God always does his part, but man many times fail to do his part.
- The Bible says Joseph was a prosperous man and the Lord was with him. But think about it, Joseph prospered because he was a good steward. God was with him because he could trust Joseph to be a good steward.

- Maybe many of us don't see the prosperity of God in our lives because God cannot trust us, neither can anybody else.
- Because Joseph possessed the characteristics of a good steward, Potiphar trusted him and made him master over his house.
- The Bible says because God was with Joseph, Potiphar's house prospered both in his house and in the field.
- When you are a good steward, the house you are in will prosper and the city in which you live will prosper.
- There are many who say they have great faith, yet they are poor stewards. The Bible says that faith without stewardship is dead.
- Show me your stewardship and I will see your faith.

## **Luke 16:1-12**

1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

## **Luke 16:1-12**

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

## **Luke 16:1-12**

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

- Jesus speaks in a parable about the principle of stewardship. Contrary to the story of Joseph, this steward did just the opposite.
- When he was held accountable for his stewardship it was found that he had wasted and mismanaged his master's goods.
- As a result, he is relieved from his duties. In other words, he was fired due to poor management.
- Although he was derelict in his duties, he was too proud to beg, dig, or do work that was beneath him. So he used his networking skills to get him through his crises.
- He was able to negotiate favorable terms with accounts that he had failed to collect from and of course, they were able to pay him what he needed to stay out of debtor's court.

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- Jesus compliments the unjust steward while making an indictment against the so called children of light that even in his failure to be a good steward he was able to create relationships that would sustain his life.
  - It is important to understand that while he was able to fix things temporarily, he still had to prove that he was employable to someone who had the capacity to hire him.
  - Good stewardship provides long term benefits while get-rich-quick schemes, trickery, and get over tactics never prosper.

## Genesis 39:12-16

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.