

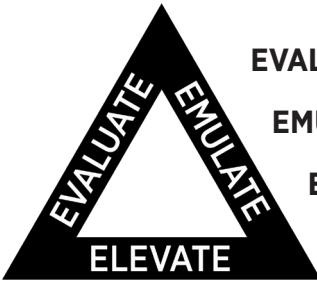
MAXIMIZE YOUR MONEY

7 PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

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1 Corinthians 4:2—*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

Matthew 25:21—*...Well done, good and faithful servant...*



EVALUATE: How are you doing?

EMULATE: Where do you need to change?

ELEVATE: The natural result of evaluation and emulation.

THE JOSEPH PRINCIPLES: 7 PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

GENESIS 41

1. Dependence: Rely on God.

Genesis 41:16—*I cannot do it...but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.*

Proverbs 3:5-6—*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

2. Accounting: Know the facts.

Genesis 41:25-32—*...Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them...*

Proverbs 27:24-25 (LB)—*Riches can disappear fast...so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks...*

Proverbs 23:23 (LB)—*Get the facts at any price...*

3. Saving: Prepare for the future.

Genesis 41:33-36—...Take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance...

Proverbs 21:20 (LB)—*The wise man saves for the future...*

Proverbs 13:11—...but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

4. Contentment: Be wise with debt.

Genesis 41:53-57—...But in the whole land of Egypt there was food...

Proverbs 21:17 (GNT)—*Indulging in luxuries, wine, and rich food will never make you wealthy.*

Hebrews 13:5—...be content with what you have...

1 Timothy 6:6—*Godliness with contentment is great gain.*

5. Budgeting: Spend intelligently.

Genesis 41:39-44—*Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt..."*

Proverbs 21:5 (GNT)—*Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.*

Proverbs 21:20 (GNT)—...*Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.*

5 STEP METHOD FOR GOAL SETTING

1. Be precise.
2. Thing big.
3. Set a deadline.
4. Decide what you will sacrifice.
5. Write down your goals and action plan.
6. Pray about it all regularly.

6. Hard work: Be industrious.

Genesis 41:46-49— *Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt.*

Colossians 3:17—*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...*

Colossians 3:23 (NIV84)—*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*

Proverbs 10:4—*Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

Proverbs 10:5 (MSG)—*Make hay while the sun shines—that's smart; go fishing during harvest—that's stupid.*

Proverbs 13:4—*Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10—*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.*

Ephesians 5:15-16—*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity...*

7. Giving: Honor God first.

Genesis 41:50-52—*...Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."*

Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)—*Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley...*

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)—*But seek first the kingdom of God...*

Proverbs 22:9—*The generous will themselves be blessed...*

HOW DO WE GIVE?

- > Generously. **2 Cor 9:6**—*...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*
- > Cheerfully. **2 Cor 9:7**—*....God loves a cheerful giver.*
- > Purposefully. **2 Cor 9:7**—*...decided in your heart..*
- > Personally. **1 Cor 16:2**—*...each one of you...*
- > Systematically. **1 Cor 16:2**—*On the first day of every week... set aside a sum...*
- > Regularly. **1 Cor 16:2**—*On the first day of every week...*
- > Proportionately. **1 Cor 16:2**—*...in keeping with your income...*
- > Sacrificially. **2 Cor 8:3**—*...gave as much as they were able, and even beyond...*

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All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 4/14/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read I Corinthians 4:2. What does this verse mean to you? What does it involve? How can we apply it?
2. Read Matthew 25:14-30. Mine this passage for principles. What does it say about faithfulness and stewardship? Come up with 5 principles. Dig deep.
3. Read and discuss Joseph and his 7 Wise Money Principles from Rob's messages and Genesis 41. What resonates the most with you and why?
4. Read and discuss Matthew 23:23 and Proverbs 3:9. What stands out to you here?
5. What is happening in 2 Corinthians 8:1-4. What do we learn from their example?
6. Pray for each other in your small group. Pray specifically for any financial needs. Also, ask God to grow our individual stewardship quotient.