

MAXIMIZE YOUR MONEY

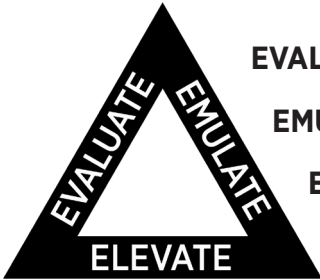
7 PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

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1 Timothy 6:17-19—*Command* those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. *Command* them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Matthew 6:19-21—*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth*, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But *store up for yourselves treasures in heaven*, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

2 Corinthians 9:11—*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous...*



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.*

Philippians 4:11—...*I have learned to be content...*

5. Budgeting: Spend intelligently.

Genesis 41:39-44—“...*I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all 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.*

6. Hard work: Be industrious.

Genesis 41:46-49—*Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt...*

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

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

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...
- > 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...

Tithes

Malachi 3:10—“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Matthew 23:23—Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Offerings

2 Corinthians 8:1-4—And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.

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All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 4/21/24

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 Timothy 6: 17-19. What does this passage teach? Find at least 5 principles. Discuss.
2. What is the treasure principle taught in Matthew 6:19-21? What does it mean and why is it so vital?
3. Study Proverbs 3:9,10, Matthew 6:33, and Proverbs. 22:9. What does it mean to put God first in our finances?
4. Walk through the “7 Heart Attitudes” of why we give from Pastor Rob’s message. Read the scriptures associated with each. Which of the 7 resonates with you the most and why?
5. Walk through Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, and 2 Corinthians 8:1-4. What do these scriptures say about generosity? In what ways do you hope to apply these passages to your own life?
6. As you evaluate your life in juxtaposition to Joseph in Genesis, how can you better emulate the money principles of Joseph and in so doing elevate your biblical stewardship? Describe.