



“Stewardship”

Masterful Management
Genesis 47:11-26

Godly stewardship promotes:

I. Integrity - “Joseph gathered up all the money” (vs. 11-14)

It is Character --- is to character what health is to the body or 20/20 is to eyesight

Being responsible with the:

A. **Facts** - “as Pharaoh commanded ”

B. **Family** - “Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren”

C. **Funds** - “brought to money into Pharaoh’s house”

II. Dignity - “Why should we die in thy presence” (vs 15-19)

It is Compassion – It is connected to respect and honor...what we desire and what we afford others.

Being respectful of an individual’s:

A. **Pride** – “we will not hide it from my lord”

B. **Power** - “I will give you for your cattle, if money fail”

C. **Property** – “buy us and our land...and give us seed”

III. Creativity - “Thou hast saved our lives” (vs. 20-26)

It is Change -...Innovation....Allowing what God has instilled in us to grow and develop...We are in the image of a creative God.

Being realistic expecting others to:

A. **Relinquish** – “bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh ”

B. **Relocate** – “removed them to cities from one end...to the other”

C. **Render** – “Pharaoh should have the fifth part”

Sentence Sermon:

“Faithful stewardship flows from our devotion to the Master.”

Additional Verses

- *Matthew 6:24*
- *Acts 6:1-6*
- *I Corinthians 6:20*
- *Luke 12:16-23*
- *II Corinthians 9:6-11*
- *Acts 20:35*
- *Luke 6:38*
- *I Corinthians 4:7*
- *I Thessalonians 2:4*
- *I Corinthians 4:1-2*
- *Romans 14:12*
- *Luke 16:10-13*
- *Matthew 25:14-30*
- *Matthew 6:33*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why did Joseph’s family get the best of the land?
4. How are the living conditions of Joseph’s family contrasted to all others?
5. Why is Canaan mentioned early in this passage but not later on?
6. Where do you find Joseph being more kind than he had to?
7. Why do you think the people were willing to relocate?
8. Why was the land of the priests not sold to Joseph?
9. Do you think 20% was too small an amount to tax them? Too large?
10. Why do you suppose Joseph made it a permanent law over Egypt?
11. What stewardships do you have before God?
12. What is the hardest part of being a good steward?