

This week...

Scripture: Genesis 39:2-6

Monday Genesis 39:2 “*The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.*”

Contrast this verse with those we studied last week from Genesis 37 where things grow dark in the life of Joseph, and he finds himself walking in a deep valley. How would you explain the difference? Can you recognize similar events in your own life?

Tuesday Genesis 39:3-4 “*When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant.*”

What might we learn about our service, work ethic, and relationships from this? Have those you have served ever come away with this sort of observation about you? How did you respond? For additional insight look to Colossians 3:23-24.

Wednesday Genesis 39:5a “*Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.*”

Jesus said, “*To whom much is given, much is required.*”, Luke 12:46-48. When speaking about the talents and faithful servants He says, “*For everyone who has will be*

given more, and he will have an abundance.” Is this principle still valid today in the lives of those who follow Christ? How does this apply to your life and service in both your secular and spiritual worlds?

Thursday Genesis 39:5b-6 “*The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So he left in Joseph’s care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.*”

Make a list showing the impact Joseph had on the life of Potiphar? Use your imagination how someone like Joseph would impact your own life by his love of God and his diligent service on your behalf. Now consider how your life and ministry impacts others on a daily basis. Are you able to draw parallels between what you discover in chapter 39 and your own life? Are there areas for improvement? List those, and pray for wisdom and guidance as your life unfolds.

Friday Genesis 39:2 “*The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.*”

Thinking back over this week’s devotions, have you clearly identified those areas in your life where God has been with you and prospered you and those you are serving? If you are unable to recognize this, do you know why? Going forward, commit yourself to the Lord and to those opportunities He has placed before you understanding that “*To whom much is given, much is required*”. Be watching for God at work in your life and in the lives of those you serve.