

The Joseph Principle

Genesis 41:25-40

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Financial Freedom & Faithfulness sermon series.

Pastor Randy will challenge and instruct us on developing a plan to use God's resources wisely through a sermon series during the month of September.

September 6 -- The Joseph's Principle.

September 13 -- Faith Makes a Budget Work

September 20 -- Tithing is the Foundation

September 27 -- Debt-free Living

"Discovering God's Way of Handling Money"

What: 8-week Sunday School Course

When: Beginning September 20, 10:00—10:45 AM on Sunday Mornings

Who: Crown Financial Ministries curriculum taught by Dave and Cyndy Watters

How do I sign up: Clipboards on Ministry Tables, Call/email Church Office

Memory verse:

Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. —Genesis 41:34

1. Warning

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. —Genesis 41:25

Pharaoh's Dream

Joseph's interpretation

Steel industries (Pittsburgh, Johnstown)

Stock market

October 1929 _____

July 1932 _____

2002—2003 _____

Today, Sept-Oct 2008, March 2009 _____

David Wilkerson

Pat Robertson

2. Financial Faithfulness

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5th of the harvest= 20%. Live on 80% of your income in good times.

80/10/10 Rule

10%--Tithing

10%--Savings

80%--Available for spending

3 Pluses from a human perspective:

\$ Simple – _____

\$ Respectful – _____

\$ Prudent – _____

3. Financial Freedom

This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine. —Genesis 41:36

Axiom, by Bill Hybels “Boiler Fund,” page 46

Personal Finance, 6 months salary in savings.

25% of Church Budget in Long Term investments

4. Spiritual Recovery

So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?” —Genesis 41:38

Spiritual Recovery for Egypt—God was glorified among Pharaoh.

Spiritual Recovery of Joseph—Earlier dreams come true.

Spiritual Recovery of us—Time to get our Spiritual house in order.

We must continually remind ourselves of the purpose of life. We are not destined to happiness, nor to health, but to holiness. —Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost*, September 1

Conclusion:

Two choices as seen in Psalm 11:1, “*I take refuge. How then can you say to me: “Flee like a bird to your mountain.”*”