

# Joseph

## Becoming a Godly Leader & Follower

Who are you responsible for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you responsible to? \_\_\_\_\_

*When Joseph was seventeen years old he often tended his father's flocks. Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.* Genesis 37:2-4

*Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.* Proverbs 27:1-2

### 1. Leaders & followers need to be truly humble.

*The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success... So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!* Genesis 39:2-3, 6

*Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.* Ephesians 6:7-8

### 2. Do all of our work as if we're working for God.

*Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her So he took Joseph and threw him into prison. But the Lord was with Joseph in prison and showed him his faithful love. The warden put Joseph in charge of all the other*

*prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.* Genesis 39:19-23

### 3. God remains faithful even in our worst situations.

### 4. There is never a justification for abuse at work or home.

*[Jesus] This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.* John 15:12

*Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it." "It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."* Genesis 41:14-16

### 5. Leaders & followers give God the glory for all success.

*Joseph's suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours."* Genesis 41:37-40

### 6. Our ethics & actions (for the glory of God) will attract others and be a witness to those we serve or lead.

*Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."* James 4:13-15

My next step: \_\_\_\_\_