

Today's Theme

“Where It’s Noticed Most”

Series Title

“Success God’s Style” Part 4

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Two Great Truths In Life

1. Things don't go the way we want.
2. Many things in life are *uncontrollable*.

Picture of a Person Of Character (POC)

1. Joseph *Experienced* negative situations.

(1) He experienced *rejection & pain* in life.

Genesis 37:4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Gen 37:22

(2) He was falsely *accused & put in prison*.

Gen 39:7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" . . . 20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison,

(3) He was *forgotten by friends* repeatedly.

Genesis 40:23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

2. Joseph *responded* well to negativity.

(1) He *fulfilled* his responsibilities.

1. He was always *dependable*.

Gen 39:6 So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Gen 39:22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

2. He always *gave his best*.

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

3. The *quality* of our work *reveals* who we are.

Luke 16:10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

(2) Joseph maintained his *integrity*.

1. He was motivated by *loyalty & love*.

Gen 39:8 But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

2. He refuses to *give in*.

Gen 39:10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

(3) He always believed God was in *control*.

1. He *accepted* pain had a *purpose*.

Genesis 45:7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

2. His life was *redirected* through *difficulty*.

Gen 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

3. Core Values Of People Of Character.

What They Do:

(1) Take *responsibility* for their *decisions*.

(2) *Make & keep* commitments - NMW.

(3) *Focus on others* - NOT.