

## CHARACTER & POWER

### Motive For Character Development

#### I. Motive and purpose for character development is key (2 Corinthians 5:10)

- A. If your motives aren't right then perversion and misuse will be the result
- B. Our sole motive for developing in character is b/c God told us to and it's right
  - 1. The rewards will come, the assignments will come, the anointings will come and they will be great, but if no greater reward, greater assignment, or greater anointing, ever shows we'll still be people of character because it's right

#### II. Joseph – A man of Character

- A. Genesis 37
  - 1. 4-His brothers did not walk in character and watch where it led them to a place that they ended up being a beggar and servant to the one who walked in character
  - 2. 24-There was no complaining or blaming God coming from that pit
  - 3. Thrown in the pit – Character test (Character and integrity kept him)
- B. Genesis 39
  - 1. 4-Potipher must have trusted Joseph to put all of his possessions in his hand
  - 2. 4-Joseph must have been a man of character and proved himself worthy of such trust and responsibility
  - 3. 7-9-This is was character test and Joseph passed
  - 4. 10-She came to Joseph day after day
    - a. The devil will be persistent in his attempt to get you to violate character
  - 5. 20-We didn't hear Joseph go through a pity part where he said well I guess that's what I get for obeying God and a bunch of other low-character junk
  - 6. 21-22-Character is keeping Joseph & bringing him favor and promotion
    - a. The scripture makes it sound like Joseph got promoted right away, but to be promoted to a position of that authority there must have been some time where Joseph proved himself worthy of that trust
      - 1) 23-The warden paid no attention to anything that Joseph was in charge of
    - b. He must have went into that prison with great character, diligence, faithfulness, and a willingness to continue to do what was right and because of it he got promoted; Character and integrity promoted him
- C. Genesis 40
  - 1. 7-Being in prison could make a person sad, but Joseph didn't wake up sad

2. 14,23-Joseph told this guy to remember him when he got out and he didn't

3. 15-Joseph knew he did no wrong, but never complained

D. Genesis 41

1. 14-Character sign – He came to Pharaoh presentable

2. 14-Character sign – Humility and giving glory to God

3. 38,39-Character is why he had this great anointing

4. 40-Character promoted him to a greater assignment

a. Joseph goes about this assignment as a man of character like he did every other assignment

5. 42-43-He was a man of character and he got the rewards

a. Genesis 43:24 – Joseph's got his own house now

6. 46-Genesis 37:2 – 13 years went by, 13 years of Joseph passing the character test, 13 years of character qualification

7. 51-52-Character sign – Forgetting the past

E. People around him are prospering because of his character (Genesis 45:17-20, 47:11)

F. Joseph loved his brothers after all the evil they did to him (Genesis 45:7-15, 50:15-21)

G. Look at what Joseph got to take part in because of his character