

Joseph's Leadership - Week 18

Gen 47:11-19

Gen 47:11 So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. 12 Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children. 13 There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine. 14 Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in Egypt and Canaan in payment for the grain they were buying, and he brought it to Pharaoh's palace. 15 When the money of the people of Egypt and Canaan was gone, all Egypt came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? Our money is used up." 16 "Then bring your livestock," said Joseph. "I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their sheep and goats, their cattle and donkeys. And he brought them through that year with food in exchange for all their livestock. 18 When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, "We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land. 19 Why should we perish before your eyes--we and our land as well? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we with our land will be in bondage to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate." NIV

- Joseph was the people's only _____.
- Even natural affections must give way to _____ business.
- Joseph was a _____ man.
- He understood _____ yet gave grace in return.

Two key words: _____

- No one can embrace a person they have not _____.
- The brothers were not his enemies but the _____ God used to change and protect Israel.
- "But God" proves Joseph operated his life following _____.

How do we do this?

- We must have a God directed _____.
- Man's character is _____ mainly by our attitudes.
Thomas Jefferson--who probably was not a believer-- said: "When the heart is right the feet are swift."
- When attitudes are not right we can only carry out life from a _____ perspective.

- If you're a believer and your heart is not right, you can only carry out life in a _____ manner.
- Joseph had a Godly _____ that could see God's hand at work in all his circumstances.

Truths we learn from Joseph:

1. When my _____ is right, my attitude will be right.
2. When my faith is right, I will see God's _____ in every situation.
3. When by faith I accept my situation as _____ and for my _____, then my attitude will be right.
4. Concerning others, if my faith is right I will _____ pressure from people, not add it.

Randy Alcorn: "God prospers me not to increase my standard of living...but rather my standard of giving."

Characteristics of a God-centered Leader

1. Leaders _____
We are _____ people of vision --we are people of _____.
God speaks, and that is the vision!
2. Leaders endure _____.
3. Leaders are tested, tried and _____.
4. Leaders understand the _____ of God for all nations.
5. Leaders use their _____ for the glory of God.
6. Leaders understand the _____.
7. Leaders make the most of every _____.
8. Leaders are _____ in the little things.
9. Leaders _____ well.
10. Leaders _____ and always look to build up and reconcile.
11. Leaders _____ well.