

# Joseph: A Man Who Gave It His All

## (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Whenever the great servants of God in the Bible put their hands to something, they sought to accomplish it with excellence.

- Abel gave God best in his worship (Genesis 4:3).
- David gave generously to help with building the temple (1 Chronicles 29:1-5).
- Solomon spared no expense when constructing the temple (2 Chronicles 3 and 4).

Then consider the example of Joseph. Despite being treated unfairly by his brothers, sold into slavery, and being cast into prison for a crime that he did not commit, Joseph sought out to perform every task that he was given well (Genesis 39:1-6, 19-23). He didn't have an attitude of bitterness. He didn't let anger consume him. He didn't wallow in the pit of depression or act immature. Instead he gave his all to everything he put his hands to.

### I. Why did Joseph do this?

- A. He was man of high character, honor and respect (Genesis 49:8).
- B. He was a man of great faith (Genesis 49:9).
- C. He was a man of great reverence for God (Genesis 49:9).

### II. The Outcome:

- A. Joseph was blessed .
  - 1. He was blessed to be a successful steward in Potiphar's house (Genesis 39:2).
  - 2. He was blessed to be a supervisor in prison (Genesis 39:21).
- B. Others were blessed .
  - 1. Potiphar's entire household was blessed (Genesis 39:5).
  - 2. Pharaoh and all of Egypt was blessed (Genesis 41:46-49).
- C. God was glorified .
  - 1. Potiphar could see that the Lord was with Joseph (Genesis 39:3).
  - 2. The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him (Genesis 39:23).
  - 3. Pharaoh knew that Joseph was a servant of God (Genesis 41:38-41).

### III. Do we give our all...

- A. When it comes to our relationships (Ephesians 5:23, 33; 6:4)?
- B. When it comes to our jobs (Colossians 3:22-25)?
- C. When it comes to family ?
  - 1. When it comes to our worship to God? The people in Malachi's day were rebuked because they gave God lousy worship (Malachi 1:6-14). God is excellent and He does excellence!
  - 2. When it comes to our service to God? God expects us to be good stewards of the spiritual talents that He has blessed us with (1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31).

**Conclusion:** God rewarded Joseph for his \_\_\_\_\_.  
He will do the same for us !