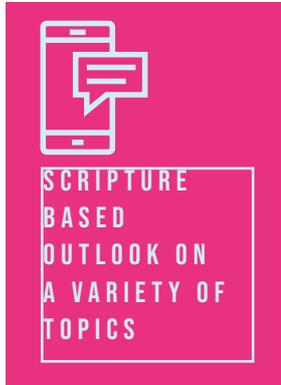




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Greetings. God bless you. I pray this edition is a real blessing to you. You know, the story of Joseph in the Bible **has really been my all-time favourite Old Testament Biblical story, after Jesus of course!** I can barely remember in my younger years, that I didn't read the story of Joseph without breaking down and weeping profusely, and often uncontrollably. I don't know why that was. It was almost as though that through this story God prepared me for many heartbreaks and challenges as well as many victories after being tested by God. Just like Joseph sometimes, and the Word of the Lord tested him, and he was tried like iron. (See Scriptures below)

The entire story of Joseph can be found in the Bible from Genesis chapter 37 to the end of Genesis (Chapter 50), and takes place between the 7th century BC and the third quarter of the 5th century BC, which is roughly the period to which scholars date the Book of Genesis.

I start this edition presuming



JOSEPH THE METICULOUS. JOSEPH IN EGYPT.

you all are well acquainted with this story. **There are hundreds of lessons in 'Joseph' but today I am purely focusing on the Meticulousness and Diligence of this great man. I am also supplying considerable information from the internet about the granaries and buildings he had built in Egypt, which you may never have heard about before!**



This remarkable story, despite the great emotional upheavals Joseph and his father must have experienced by being separated possibly over 25 years, the whole situation was ordained by the Lord! **Because God had put IN JOSEPH certain abilities and qualities that were necessary to fulfil God's Plans.** If God has called

you for something, then you definitely have certain abilities, talents and spiritual and even physical abilities all given to you by God!

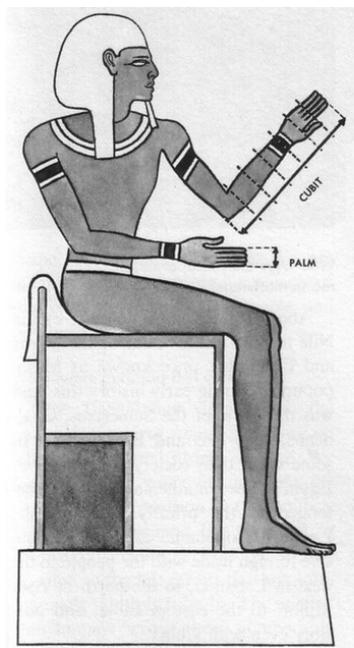
God's Gifts are like Golden threads that run through our lives!

I believe the Lord gives to each of His children **at least** two or three major gifts and talents, and these are the talents and gifts you must definitely focus on in your life. Don't focus on other minor things. **These talents will manifest themselves from birth usually and in early childhood, I call them "Threads" that God has put in your life and that run through your life from beginning to end.** Of course, **other** gifts and talents can be added once you are saved and especially when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Search the Scriptures.

The purpose of this edition is to show us that God had chosen

Joseph for a purpose and endowed him with tremendous abilities for a specific calling. In Joseph's case, what were these threads that ran through his life, these gifts and talents? We see very early on that he had the gift of either dreams and possibly also the interpretation of dreams. This was a remarkable God-given gift and dreams were something that people back then paid a lot more attention to and took note of, along with prophecy.

➤ Joseph the Meticulous



It was not until he was sold as a slave to the Midianite traders and arrived in Egypt, that the Bible begins to record his Meticulousness, and his Diligence. Something he probably learned and embraced working with and for his father when he was very young. His father Jacob, as we know from his life story was also a very diligent man.

(Genesis 37:36 and 39:1-6)

Mmmm, Diligence and Meticulousness! These two things are like a **commodity** that is still quite rare today as

it was in this story. But Joseph had them. He must have had it since early childhood and enhanced it through 'work' obeying his father cheerfully. However, we know not every child is like that, there was a certain spirit inside Joseph that made him bend and yield while at the same time not being afraid of hard work! Joseph, by the way, was the direct great grandson of Abraham.

Let's actually look at the first example of Diligence and Meticulousness.

Genesis 39 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the [royal] guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he [even though a slave] became a successful *and* prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. ³Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper (succeed) in his hand. ⁴So Joseph pleased Potiphar *and* found favour in



his sight, and he served him as his personal servant. He made Joseph overseer over his house, and he put all that he owned in Joseph's charge. ⁵It happened that from the time that he made Joseph overseer in his house and [put him in charge] over all that he owned,

that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph; so the LORD's blessing was on everything that Potiphar owned, in the house and in the field. ⁶So Potiphar left all that he owned in Joseph's charge; and with Joseph there he did not [need to] pay attention to anything except the food he ate.

A form of Meticulousness that allowed his boss, Potiphar, to relax and completely trust all his material and business affairs over to Joseph's hands. Potiphar, the very high-ranking Egyptian Military official, was PLEASED (verse 4 above). Joseph was also staying close to his belief in the True God, which allowed God to continue lifting him up also. Because he loved God, the Diligence and Meticulousness would only increase for the glory of God. How wonderful to be in that position, that even though a slave, God had exalted him above the other slaves and he was made the complete Overseer. This itself is an encouragement to Joseph.

But whenever things are going well, and we shall skim over this part briefly for reasons I will one day explain, and that is wherever there is success the devil will always want to come and ruin the garden of Eden for you.



Joseph was put in prison because Potiphar's wife lied to her husband that Joseph had

made some sexual advances on her (instead of the other way around).

➤ Joseph Imprisoned

Genesis 39: 19 And when Joseph's master (Potiphar) heard the words of his wife, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger burned. 20 So Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined; so he was there in the prison. 21 But **the LORD was with Joseph** and extended lovingkindness to him and gave him favour in the sight of the warden. 22 **The warden committed to Joseph's care (management) all the prisoners who were in the prison; so that whatever was done there, he was in charge of it.** 23 **The warden paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him; whatever Joseph did, the LORD made to prosper.**

This same ability to be diligent and meticulous soon brought Joseph into a higher position, exactly as it had been with his previous boss, Potiphar. The Warden of the prison did not ever have to worry about any details as long as Joseph was there.

But now he was in prison. Iron. God though was looking further off into the future. The future, Joseph couldn't see and the future we can't always see, but the future was coming!

But no matter how good you are God can make you better. In Joseph's case this meant being somewhere new and somewhere he didn't really want to be with seemingly no

hope of release and also being put in prison unjustly. These circumstances tried his soul. The Bible refers to this period as 'Iron'. In fact, unbeknownst to Joseph, this was going to be the final major trial for his soul, until he entered the Prime job that God had for him, which was working for Elon Musk! No wait, scratch that, it was the day he would be released for the purpose **God** had planned from the beginning!

Psalms 105 :16

And He (God) called for a famine upon the land [of Egypt]; He cut off every source of bread.

17

He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18

His feet they hurt with shackles; He was put in chains of iron,

19

Until the time that his word [of prophecy regarding his brothers] came true, The word of the LORD tested *and* refined him.

20

The king sent and released him, The ruler of the peoples [of Egypt], and set him free.

21

He made Joseph lord of his house

And ruler of all his possessions,

22

To imprison his princes at his will, That he might teach his elders wisdom.

Joseph leaves the prison!

Joseph spent at least several years in prison; he had

even been forgotten by the Pharaoh's chief butler who was also in prison there for a while. Time passed. A lot of trials and mental anguish must have occurred, until finally as we know, the door opened for him to get out in one day and interpret the Pharaoh's troubling dream. No one else could do that, none of the Pharaoh's wise men and so on and then the chief butler finally remembered the time Joseph had correctly interpreted his dream. 'Send for him!' roared the Pharaoh.

Joseph changed his clothes, shaved and stood before Pharaoh when he was 30 years old.



He had been in Egypt well over a decade, possibly 15 years.

Joseph interpreted the dream and was appointed the second in command of the mighty empire. From prison in the morning to this high status before the day was out.

Then began Joseph's biggest challenge and where he used all that Diligence, Faith, Trust in God and Meticulousness in preparing for the coming famine, due in seven years' time.

All his previous practice under Potiphar, and the prison Warden and other lessons were all going to be highly useful. Including staying away from

women and obeying the Billy Graham open door rule**. The Lord gave him a wife through the Pharaoh which helped him also, and they produced two sons before the famine came.

** (about him never being left alone with a woman (other than his wife) in a room with closed doors)

God had a plan, prophesied to Abraham many years before and here it is:

Genesis 15: 12 When the sun was setting, a deep sleep overcame Abram; and a horror (terror, shuddering fear, nightmare) of great darkness overcame him.

¹³ God said to Abram, "Know for sure that your descendants will be strangers [living temporarily] in a land (Egypt) that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years.

¹⁴ But on that nation whom your descendants will serve I will bring judgment, and afterward they will come out [of that land] with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall [die and] go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ Then in the fourth generation your descendants shall return here [to Canaan, the land of promise], for the wickedness and guilt of the Amorites is not yet complete (finished)."



Other closing thoughts and prayer!

When I read the story of Joseph from this angle of Meticulousness, I am really challenged and yet also in awe. I know I am not anywhere near this level of diligence and faithfulness as dear Joseph, but I desire to be as much as possible, as my circumstances and health permit. The Bible is full of the message of Diligence and Meticulousness, and Jesus talked about it a great deal when referring to faithfulness in small things and also using your talents.

A prayer: Dear God, thank you for this message. Help me to strive by your Spirit to be faithful and diligent and remember that after the Iron will always come a beautiful radiant day, as long as I am faithful. Please use the gifts and talents You have placed within me and let me use them fully for Your glory until I meet You! In Jesus' Name, Amen!



Inspiring Links about Joseph and his work in Egypt!

[Joseph in Egypt- The Research and Discoveries of Ron Wyatt - YouTube](#) Ron Wyatt was an excellent American explorer of the Bible by visiting the lands of the Old Testament and despite great difficulties uncovering a great many secrets through archaeological findings. God bless him!

[Evidence of Joseph in Egypt with Mary Nell Wyatt Lee & Michelle Wyatt Schelles - YouTube](#) After Ron Wyatt's passing, his wife continued to share his messages and information with the world. This

is an interesting documentary for those who are truly seeking the truth about this matter.

[Joseph in Egypt - Massive Grain Storage Pits from the 7 yrs Famine - YouTube](#) The granaries and storage pits Joseph built in Egypt.

[Zaphnath-Paaneah - Wikipedia](#) The Egyptian name for Joseph in historical records of ancient Egypt!

[Joseph of Egypt: The Slave Who Saved Egypt from Starvation - Biblical Stories - See U in History - YouTube](#) possibly the best children's version of the story of Joseph. [Feature Article: Imhotep and Joseph are the same person. I Could Joseph and Imhotep have been the same person? \(wordpress.com\)](#) an excellent article, although the truths of this article are disputed by many other people. You have to pray and ask the Lord. Whatever the case, it is amazing that we have archaeological evidence today of so many truths in the Bible. [7 Pics Of Joseph In Egypt Coloring Pages - Coloring Pages, Bible ... - Coloring Home](#) something great for the kids and young at heart. [God Meant it for Good \(Authentic Classics\): Amazon.co.uk: Kendall, RT: 9781842272350: Books](#) Is there a better book about Joseph than this one? Maybe. But since I don't know them, I highly recommend dear brother Kendall's effort here.

**"Joseph's Tomb"
by David Roberts, 1839.**

JOSEPH'S BONES!

1. [Genesis 50:25](#)

Then **Joseph** made the the sons of Israel (Jacob) swear [an oath], saying, "God will surely visit you and take care of you [returning you to Canaan], and [when that happens] you shall carry my bones up from here."

2. **Exodus 13:19**

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had solemnly ordered (placed under an oath) the Israelites, saying, "God will assuredly take care of you, and you must carry my bones away from here with you."

3. **Joshua 24:32**

Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the plot of land which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a

hundred pieces of money; and it became the inheritance of the sons of Joseph.

4. **Hebrews 11:22**

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, referred to [the promise of God for] the exodus of the sons of Israel [from Egypt], and gave instructions concerning [the burial of] his bones [in the land of the promise].

Death of Joseph. Joseph dies in Egypt at age 110!

Genesis 50: 22 Now Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. 23 Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's children; also the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born and raised on Joseph's knees. 24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am

about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up out of this land to the land which He promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob [to give you]." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel (Jacob) swear [an oath], saying, "God will surely visit you and take care of you [returning you to Canaan], and [when that happens] you shall carry my bones up from here." 26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him and he was put [a]in a coffin in Egypt.

Meticulousness brings its own reward!

God has a Plan. We can't always see it.

Iron.

Rewards.



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