

SERMON NOTES

*Overcoming The Challenge
Of Prosperity
Genesis 41:38-46*

Whenever we hear the word “prosperity” it means different things to different people. One thing for sure, Joseph experienced every extreme in life. He started in a favored position, ended up in prison, and finally to a place of great prosperity and notoriety. Yet, Joseph seemed to handle the challenges that come with prosperity. His life perspective was clearly directed by focusing on God’s purpose for His life.

Key thought: You can overcome the challenges that come with prosperity by keeping your life perspective focused on God’s purpose for your life.

Related text: *(Luke 9:23; 1 Tim. 6:10; Deuteronomy 8:10–18; Hosea 13:6; Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:19-21)*

Joseph’s prosperity came in the form of position, power, prestige, and possessions.

Overcoming the challenge of prosperity requires you to remember three things:

- The providence of God (Genesis 45:5-8)
- The purpose of God (Genesis 50:20) (Acts 7; Hebrew 11)
- The person of God
(The interpreting of dreams, the naming of his sons, dealing with Pharaoh, dealing with his brothers, in everything Joseph had on the forefront of his mind, the person of God.)

Overcoming the challenge of prosperity involves asking the right questions: (perspective)

- How does this fulfill God’s purpose for my life?
- How can this bring glory to God through my life?
- How does this expand and extend the Kingdom of God through my life?