

The Palace Test

Key Thought

Success comes from God, but it's not for us. We can be good stewards when we obey His commands and recognize that all we have belongs to Him.

Key Scriptures

Luke 16:10–12

“He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?”

Genesis 26:12–13

Then Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous.

Matthew 25:21

“His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Discussion

1. Define stewardship. How does stewardship apply to things other than money?
2. In what ways did Joseph show himself to be a good steward? What hindrances were placed in his way and how did he react to them?
3. At some time in your life, you have had to serve an unbeliever. Look back at that situation and relationship and evaluate how you acted toward that person or organization. Did you exhibit good stewardship? What would you have done differently?
4. Are you struggling with obedience to stewardship? Read James 1:22–25. Consider what faith you need and take it to God in prayer.