

## **The Prosperity Test**

### **Key Thought**

The key to good stewardship is to put God first in all things. When we are good financial stewards, we will be able to channel more resources to a hurting world.

### **Key Scriptures**

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

1 Timothy 6:6, 10

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

### **Discussion**

1. What does it mean to put God first in all things? In what nonfinancial ways did Joseph honor God?
2. What is the importance of patience in stewardship? Is it okay to want to get rich quickly? Why or why not? How can riches be deceitful?
3. What does it mean to live below your means? What is the practical tool that we can implement to help us manage our finances? Why is that tool important?
4. In what ways can you put God first?
5. Are you currently tithing the firstfruits of your increase? If not, why not? If you are, are there ways you could give more?
6. Do you have a budget and follow it? Do you currently live below your means? Look at your current financial situation (with your spouse if you are married) and consider how you could steward your finances better.