

There are some parallels between Joseph's rise to the top spot in Potiphar's house (39:1-6) and his experience in the prison (39:21-23):

Verse 2: "the Lord was with Joseph"

Verse 21: "the Lord was with Joseph"

Verse 4: "So Joseph found favor in [Potiphar's] sight"

Verse 21: "the Lord ... gave him favor in sight of the keeper of the prison"

Verse 4: "[Potiphar] made him overseer over his house, and over all that he had"

Verse 22: "And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it."

Verse 6: "So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate."

Verse 23: "The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed."

Verse 3: "His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands."

Verse 23: "The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed."

Godly success is to have God's blessing on your life.

1. God's blessing is not necessarily related to favorable circumstances.

Psalm 105:16-19 (ESV) ¹⁶When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, ¹⁷he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; ¹⁹until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.

2. God's blessing is related to personal integrity in every area of life.

3. God's blessing should be used as a witness to others.

4. God's blessing should be sought above all else.

4 times this chapter repeats, "The Lord was with Joseph" (39:2, 3, 21, 23).

Godly success is not where you are, but whether God is with you where you are.