



Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Bible Study

“Positioned to Prosper”
Genesis 50:20

God is not against you having nice things that you can call your own. But be aware of why God allows you to have nice things. God is constantly working on His plan, not only for your life, but also for the lives of others - **Philippians 1:6**. He's not blinded by the things that happen to you in life - **Psalms 139:16** and **Isaiah 46:10**.

Joseph wasn't a stranger to prosperity because he was born into wealth and luxury - **Genesis 30:43**. His grandfather was wealthy, and so was his father. So, wealth wasn't a bad thing at all.

Joseph's brothers wanted to get rid of him and sold him into slavery - **Genesis 37:27-28; 39:1**. Although he was accustomed to wealth and luxury, he didn't lose sight of what mattered - God. Jacob/Israel, Joseph's father, demonstrated that God is the proper pursuit - **Genesis 31:41-42**. Years later, God reminds descendants of Jacob that God must be your primary pursuit - **Deuteronomy 8:11-18**.

1. **Wealth shouldn't be your focus; God should (Genesis 39:1-6).** Proverbs 23:4-5 warns against focusing on getting rich. Just like with Joseph, when God is with you, He can prosper you wherever you are and whatever your circumstance.
2. **Even when you experience setbacks, keep your focus on God (Genesis 39:20-23).** God can prosper you even when you experience a setback. While you're in a setback state, God is still orchestrating His plan - Genesis 40-41. God strategically introduced Joseph to the right people at one of the worst times in his life.
3. **God allows you to prosper for a reason (Genesis 50:20).** God wants to not only save you, but He also uses your prosperity to accomplish His plan of saving others, alive. In the grand scheme of things, Joseph was the 11th son of Jacob. The Seed of Jesus wasn't traveling through Joseph's loins, but was traveling through the family tree of Judah, His brother. Joseph's actions saved the entire family of 70, which saved the Seed of Jesus Christ! Although you may experience wealth, God uses it to accomplish His plans.