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Developing a Biblical Perspective of Your Work Tables

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JOSEPH'S DRAFT RESUME

Resume of Joseph

Profile

The ambitious son of Old Testament patriarch Jacob and his wife Rachel with eleven brothers. Known for his “coat of many colors” (Genesis 37:3). Dreamed of becoming powerful, which increased his brothers’ hatred of him (Genesis 37:5–7).

Skills

God-given ability to interpret dreams (Genesis 41:15–16).

Work Experience

- Shepherded family flock as a teenager with his brothers. (Genesis 37:2).
- Sold into slavery to Midianite traders by his brothers (Genesis 37:28).
- Potiphar bought him from the Midianites (Genesis 39:1).
- The Lord was with him, so he became a successful man (Genesis 39:2).
- When issues occurred with Potiphar’s wife, was terminated and sent to prison (Genesis 39:7–40).

Accomplishments

- Found favor in Potiphar’s sight and became his personal servant; was promoted to overseer of Potiphar’s household (Genesis 39:4–6).
- Because Potiphar favored Joseph, God blessed Potiphar’s household on account of him (Genesis 39:5).
- Successfully interpreted Pharaoh’s dream (Genesis 41:17–36).
- Promoted by Pharaoh to be ruler over Egypt (Genesis 41:38–45).
- Successfully managed his plan (Genesis 41:53–57).
- Recognized God’s favor over his life (Genesis 50:20).



MINISTRY CHART

| | Ministry | Work as Ministry |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Goal | Both provide service to God. | |
| Mission | Promotes the work of God. | Does God's work in the workplace. |
| Perspective | Both sacred and spiritual. | |
| Application | Everywhere | |
| Primary Beneficiaries | Kingdom of God, other people, self | |

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Spiritual Gifts, Talents, and Skills Comparison

| | Spiritual Gifts | Natural Abilities and Talents | Skills |
|----------------------|--|--|---|
| Source | Directly from God through the Holy Spirit, independent of parents | From parents, genetics | Formal education, training |
| Definition | Spiritual gifts are given to <i>all</i> believers exclusively by the Holy Spirit as an action of God for the work of the ministry. | Natural “God-given” personality and abilities, usually for a particular work or purpose. | A craft, trade, job, or ability as the result of special knowledge, training, and experience. |
| Function | Dedicated to the purpose and glory of God | Should be used for the glory of God | |
| Accessibility | Available to the believer upon spiritual conversion | Upon physical birth and/or upon training | |
| Scripture | Romans 12:6–8 1 Corinthians 12: 4–11 Ephesians 4:10–12 | Exodus 35:30–35 Romans 12:6–8* | |
| Sphere | Spiritual | Spiritual, non-spiritual | |
| Application | Ministry, church | Everywhere | |
| Beneficiaries | Other people, church | Other people, kingdom business, self | |

* Based on the interpretation of Romans 12:6–8

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Ambition

| | Godly Ambition | Man-made Ambition |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Priorities | Christian service, compassion | Pride, rivalry |
| Attitude | Honest assessment of your individual faith, abilities | False assessment that you are or must be the best |
| Concern | Consideration of others | Self-consideration first |
| Motive | Glory to God | Personal esteem, comfort |

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Two Types of Motivators

| Extrinsic Motivators | Intrinsic Motivators |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Salary | Fulfillment (Gifting, Calling) |
| Promotion | Peace |
| Performance Bonuses | Stewardship |
| Company Stock Options | Blessing Others |
| Employment Benefits | Purpose, Meaning |
| Competition | Relationships, Fellowship |
| Reputation | Support of the Ministry |
| Status | Sense of Accomplishment |
| Security | Glory to God |
| Company Car | Kingdom-building |
| Material Possessions | Faithfulness |

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Basic Entrepreneurial Traits

| Traits | Business Entrepreneur | Social Entrepreneur |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Innovation, creativity | An inventive approach to generate new ideas and solutions | A creative approach to problem-solving and mobilizing people around a cause |
| Passion | Emotional commitment to bring an idea or product to fruition | Emotional commitment to change the world (in the way something is done) |
| Vision, idea | Ability to recognize an opportunity to create and flourish | Ability to recognize when a problem in society exists and to identify a solution |
| High-risk tolerance | A conviction by an idea or vision that is so strong that one is willing to push ideas against the odds of failure and put personal or financial well-being at risk | |
| Resiliency | An exhaustible determination to learn from failure | |
| Courage | Strength to overcome fear and persevere | |

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