

MANHOOD

Guiding Thoughts on Man & Woman:

- Foolish to ignore the distinction
 - Created to be different: God
 - Manhood, not machoism, etc.
 - Heart issues are the same
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- Not searches
 - Not questions or debates
 - Not grey
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- **Biblical Manhood: Settled** some things because of God's **presence** in his life and the **purposes** the Lord has for him

God wants to **restore and build** men who are settled.

Genesis 39:1-2b

Now **Joseph** had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²**The Lord was with Joseph** ...

The Presence of God:

- No factor → A factor → THE factor

1) It's Settled: The "good life" is defined by his **proximity to God**.

Psalms 73:28a (NASB)

But as for me, the **nearness** of God is my good ...

Genesis 39:2

The Lord was with Joseph, **and** he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.

Genesis 39:3-6a

His master **saw** that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him **overseer** in his house and over all that he had, **the Lord blessed** the Egyptian's

house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So 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.

2) It's Settled: Joseph will **bloom where he is **planted**.**

- **Sense of stewardship / responsibility → providence**
- **Work is a witness.**
- **There is no sacred or secular**
- **Pay attention to our 'aroma'**

Genesis 39:6b

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

Genesis 39:7-9

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me **my master** has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because **you are his wife**. How then can I do this **great wickedness and sin against God?**"

Thieving Rationalizations vs. Settled Convictions

3 Great Temptations:

- **Appetite**
- **Authority**
- **Applause**

3) It's Settled: Joseph is **governed by his **love for and fear of** the Lord.**

F.E.A.R. of the Lord

- **Focus** is on the Lord
- **Ever-present** (all-seeing)
- **Approval:** God
- **Reverence** for Him

Love for God:

- **Born of Gratitude (done) and hope (might do)**
- **Born from Who He is (His excellency)**

Easy acceptance of Jesus vs. exclusive attachment to Jesus

Romans 8:2

For the **law of the Spirit of life** has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Genesis 39:10

And as she spoke to Joseph day **after day**, he would **not** listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

4) It's Settled: Joseph does not **not take days off (steadfast).**

Genesis 39:21

But the Lord was with Joseph and **showed him steadfast love** and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

5) It's Settled: Joseph walks **by faith, not sight.**

Hebrews 6:9

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of **better things**—things that belong to salvation.