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The Promotion at Work

"Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:15-16

God wants you to shine at work!

Character traits that God <u>honors</u> and employers <u>look for</u>:

Audacity

Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more . . . But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"

Genesis 37:5, 10

- A. Think big
- B. Show initiative
- C. Take risks

2. Likeability

The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph **found favor in his sight** and attended him... Genesis 39:2-4a

- A. Attractive attitudes
- B. Relational skills

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3. Capacity

So 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**. From 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.

Genesis 39:4-5

- A. Potential for growth
- B. Keep **learning**

4. Reliability

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 . . . Genesis 39:6a

- A. Earning the trust of others
- B. Keeping my promises

5. Loyalty

... Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But 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."

Genesis 39:6b-8

A. Being faithful to my boss

6. Integrity

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

Genesis 39:10

A. Practice in secret what is said in public.

Application:

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Philippians 2:15

If I would be like Joseph, I will . . .

but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

Psalm 75:6-7

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