

*No Filter #4:*

## Do Humble People Really Succeed in Life?

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Genesis 41:1-57

#### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever tried to “market” yourself? Do you think that if you are humble, that if you don’t market your qualities, skills, or achievements, you’ll get nowhere in life? What do you think makes a humble person truly humble? Do you think you are humble?
2. In Genesis 41:1-57 we learn four things that help us check if our “humble” Christian attitude is authentic. We see in verses 1-16 that the chief butler finally remembered what Joseph did for him when he was in prison two years ago and told Pharaoh about Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams. Finally, Joseph had the long-awaited opportunity to present himself to Pharaoh, but we see from his response an authentic humbleness that redirects focus from self to God. How do you think could Joseph have taken advantage of the opportunity given to him (v. 16)? Have you had a similar experience where you had a chance to claim credit for something you can do well? What did you do? Share and discuss how those kinds of situations can be turned to opportunities to give glory to God.
3. Secondly, we learn from Joseph’s attitude that authentic humility acknowledges that others are better than you. How did Joseph show this in verses 25-36? Discuss how having the perspective that someone else is better than you can help develop your character as a follower of Christ.
4. Thirdly, Joseph’s experience teaches us that authentic humility is an attitude that allows others to succeed. Joseph unselfishly shared his knowledge with Pharaoh, even if it meant that he would be sent back to jail if Pharaoh chose to use someone else to implement Joseph’s proposal. How do you handle competition? Have you ever thought that a classmate, an officemate, or a business competitor can do better a job than you? Do you think you should seize every opportunity to rise to the top? Would you willingly share your knowledge with others to allow them to get ahead? Enumerate ways you can allow (or encourage) others to succeed.

5. Lastly, humility is an attitude that allows God to honor you in His own time on His own terms. How did Pharaoh respond to Joseph’s advice (v. 37-41)? It took 13 years from the time that Joseph’s brothers sold him as a slave to the Egyptians before he was taken out of his miserable life. Discuss why you think God allowed Joseph to go through all those unfairness and suffering before God honored him? Do you believe God’s timing is perfect? How long can you wait for Him to honor you? Share with the group about an instance when you had to wait before you saw how God’s timing is perfect.
6. Joseph named his sons Manasseh: *“For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father’s house,”* and Ephraim: *“For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction”* because he acknowledged that the honor God gives is so complete that the hardships he experienced did not matter, even allowing him to be a channel of the Lord’s blessing to others. Take a look at your life and see if you can identify with Joseph. Do you feel honored by God? Do you see His blessings flow in your life in spite of your suffering or bitter past?

### Walk

When you take away the filter of Christianity, we see the reality that humble people are stepped on. But as followers of Christ we are called to live an authentic, humble life. Have you died to yourself so you can start living for Jesus, and with humility surrendered your ego and self-interest in order to live for Him? What practical steps can you take to exhibit humility in your relationships?

### Worship & Prayer

Pray for...

- For the worshipers to live out true success in life according to God’s agenda.
- Strengthening of GCCP disciples thru the STEP and LifeGroup ministries.
- Wisdom for the summer preparations: family conference, DVBS, youth camp, music camp and sports leagues.
- Healing for Rosa Gan, Mrs. Co, Danny Yu, Corazon Sy, Nenita, Margarita, IB, Dy-Lin.
- Peace and reconciliation for GVD.
- Repentance and salvation of the ISIS terrorists. Grace and strength for the persecuted Christians.