

# JOSEPH

## *Character Sketch*

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Joseph is first actively revealed to us at the early age of 17. In this first light, we notice that he is displayed not only with the character of a good reliable worker and prepared to accept responsibility, but also his fathers' willingness to give him the accountability of shepherding the flock. Something must have been different about this young man.

It was during that time when the first signs of a "faithful steward" were exhibited, not only to the flock, but also in his report of the conduct of his brothers. However the combination of this incident, along with Jacobs's receipt of that colorful coat, would prove to set in motion a lengthy set of circumstances. These circumstances would allow Josephs' charter to be tried, demonstrated and proved.

As God providentially protected Joseph through his day of excavation and ultimately his auction, he found himself once again able to display the noble character and dutiful training that he had received at home. Now having been bought by Potiphar, his charter quickly earned him the trust that would ultimately grant him the responsibility of tending to the affairs of the house. Even through one the greatest of temptations, Joseph's character reigned victorious. This is the undeniable character that caused Potiphar to doubt the account of his own wife. I believe that this was displayed in Potiphars' restraint of punishment, which was shown toward Joseph.

Nevertheless this incident notwithstanding, leads to Joseph's incarceration. And yet again, it was his character which was brought to remembrance and lead to his summons to decipher the dreams of Pharaoh. Ultimately, I believe that it was his grace and mercy

toward his brothers which highlighted this man's character. It is here that we have a man with a pure heart, a pure life and of a righteous character.

Josephs' character was revealed throughout his life, which in many ways depicts and shadows the essence of the life of Christ, in a way that may prove to hear those precious words "well done thou good and faithful servant".

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