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# MORE THAN TOIL

A 5 PART DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FOLLOWING  
THE LIFE OF JOSEPH; UNPACKING THE LESIONS  
FOR EVERYDAY DISCIPLES IN BUSINESS  
LEADERSHIP

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## WEEK TWO: Influence

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Read:

### Geneses 39:1 – 6

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. <sup>3</sup> And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favour in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority. <sup>5</sup> So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. <sup>6</sup> Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate.

### Matthew 5:13 - 16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deed sand glorify your Father in heaven.

Read More:

### Genesis 39

## Reflect:

**Salt and Light.** There are many good explanations of how the people of God are to be like salt and light in the world, but the thread that seems to run through many of them is the concept of *influence*.

Throughout the history of God's people we have been set apart as a light to the nations. Though our acts, character and faith we are lights that illuminate the love, grace and renewing power of Christ. As a disciple of Jesus you become a light emitting, flavour giving, co-creating image of Christ.

We are called to be people of influence not hidden away, snuffed out or flavourless, but rather shining bright and releasing the creative flavour of God's kingdom into the world.

Many Christian business leaders say that they feel called to their workplace and position of leadership but their minister or church do not really understand or value that call.

**Does these feel familiar?** For too long business has been seen as synonymous with wealth, greed and the love of money. You and I know that that is not true but what could be done to show that to others?

*How can you be a positive influence and ambassador of business for good?*

We see though the life and workplace leadership of Joseph whilst running the estate of Potiphar that his faith, leadership and success was inextricably connected to the faithfulness of God towards him. Joseph's commitment to his work was as a service to God and as such resulted in fruitful relationships, influence and success.

## Pray

Today pray that you might step into a position of influence, that the Lord might expand the territory of your influence and strengthen your impact so that your work might highlight the person of God.