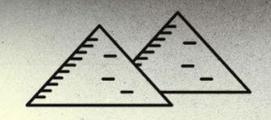
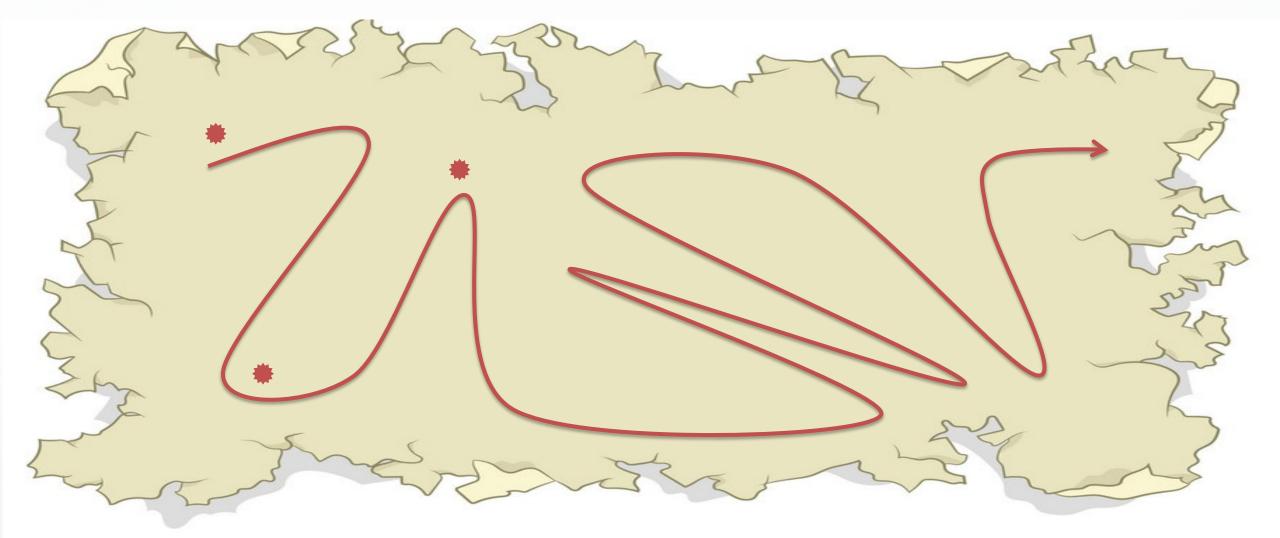
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Chapter 3 The Palace Test



10 Character Tests of Joseph

- 1. The pride test
- 2. The pit test
- 3. The **palace** test
- 4. The purity test
- 5. The prison test
- 6. The prophetic test
- 7. The power test
- 8. The prosperity test
- 9. The pardon test
- 10. The purpose test

Gen 39:1-6 (NLT)

When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

² The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. ³ Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. ⁴ This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

Gen 39:1-6 (NLT)

⁵ From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. ⁶ So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!

Gen 39:23 (NLT)

²³ The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The LORD was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

Key 1 G

The key to prospering is the presence of the Lord

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So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. **Genesis 4:16 NIV**

Gen 26:12-13 (NKJ)

¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

Prosperity

⁹ "Therefore, obey the terms of this covenant so that you will prosper in everything you do. -Deut 29:9

⁷ The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went.
-2 king18:7 (NJV)

² Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed *and* prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually]. -3 John 2 (AMP)

Key 2 G

The key to the presence of the Lord is Obedience

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Obedience

³ The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father's early years and did not worship the images of Baal. *-2 Chronicles 17:3*

¹⁴ David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him. *-1 Sam 18:14*

¹² Saul was then afraid of David, for the LORD was with David and had turned away from Saul. -1 Sam 18:12

Obedience

²⁶ "Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! ²⁷ You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ²⁸ But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the LORD your God and turn away from him and worship gods you have not known before.

-Deut 11:26-28 E A M 2 D E S T I N Y

Obedience

"If they listen and obey God, they will be blessed with prosperity throughout their lives. All their years will be pleasant. ¹² But if they refuse to listen to him, they will cross over the river of death, dying from lack of understanding. -Job 36:11-12 (NLT)

Key 3 Gr

The key to obedience is faith

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Eph 6:1-3 (NLT)

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² "Honour your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise (*with a reward*): ³ If you honour your father and mother, "<u>things will go</u> <u>well for you</u>, and you will have a long life on the earth.

Col 3:23-25

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ²⁵ But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favourites.

Hebrews 3:18-19

¹⁸ And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? ¹⁹ So we see that because of their <u>unbelief</u> they were not able to enter his rest.

Key 4 Gr

The key to faith is hearing the word

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Romans 10:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

4 Keys 🔂 🐨

- 1. The key to prospering is the presence of the Lord
- 2. The key to the presence of the Lord is Obedience
- 3. The key to obedience is faith
- 4. The key to faith is hearing the word