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Joseph's Pantry

A seven-day family stewardship devotional. One passage, one pantry task and one table question a day.

Hey, I'm Randall. I'm a former Marine Combat Engineer, and my wife, Robbie, is a registered nurse. Joseph did not stock the granaries out of fear. He counted, set some aside every good year, and kept it safe. About fifteen minutes a day for the reading and the talk; the pantry tasks may take longer. Stewardship, not fear.

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Day 1: Count What You Have

"Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine."

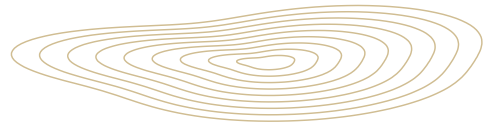
Genesis 41:34-36 (KJV)

Today's task: Joseph kept count of the grain until there was too much to number (Genesis 41:49). Start with your own count. Open the pantry and write down what is there. Do not buy anything yet.

At the table: What are the plenteous years in our house right now? What do we have more of than we need?

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:





DAYS 2 AND 3

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Day 2: A Little at a Time

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Proverbs 6:6-8 (KJV)

Today's task: Pick two extra items to add on your next grocery trip, things your family already eats.

At the table: What is one habit we could keep every week without anyone telling us to?

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:

Day 3: Count the Cost

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

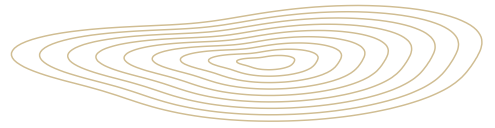
Luke 14:28 (KJV)

Today's task: Set a small weekly pantry amount your family can keep without strain. Write it down.

At the table: Where have we started something and not finished it? What would help us finish this one?

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:





DAYS 4 AND 5

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Day 4: Keep It, Don't Spend It Up

"There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up."

Proverbs 21:20 (KJV)

Today's task: First in, first out: older cans and boxes to the front, new ones behind. Date anything you cannot read.

At the table: What is the difference between saving and hoarding? How would we know if we crossed that line?

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:

Day 5: Provide for Your Own House

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

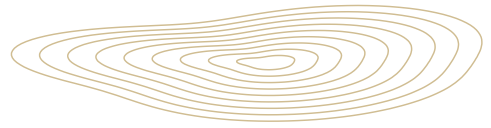
1 Timothy 5:8 (KJV)

Today's task: List what only your family needs: baby food, special diets, allergies, pet food, an older family member's needs.

At the table: Who else depends on our house? A parent, a neighbor, someone at church?

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:





DAYS 6 AND 7

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Day 6: Daily Bread, With Thanks

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11 (KJV)

Today's task: Cook one meal together using only the pantry. No store run. Give thanks out loud before you eat.

At the table: What would we want more of, and what would we never buy again?

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Day 7: Stewardship, Not Fear

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Matthew 6:34 (KJV)

Today's task: Rest. Then, if you are ready, plan your first full month with the free 30-Day Food Storage Calculator on our site.

At the table: Did this week make us more anxious or less? Preparing is our part. Tomorrow is God's.

Our Answers And Our Pantry Notes:

Where to Go From Here

Read more on our site • Plan your first month:

[30-Day Food Storage Calculator](#)

Read more on our site • Before you buy a food bucket:

[Emergency Food Buyer's Checklist](#)

All Scripture quoted from the King James Version.

