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**Family on a Budget**

Genesis 47

* In the Law, Israelites always had private property rights. Even the King could not take their land. What did it mean for the Egyptians that Pharaoh acquired all of their land (Genesis 47:20b-21 in the NASB)?
* In Genesis 47:6, 15-18, 27 how did it probably strike the Egyptians that wealthy foreigners had food, land, and government jobs when everyone else was selling everything to buy back food they grew in the first place?
* The Egyptians eventually became very envious. Read Exodus 1:7-11 and Titus 3:1-7. Discuss how deeply rooted **envy** is and how Jesus died to help us with that problem.
* When is poverty or wealth ever a legitimate excuse for committing crime or ignoring God? Read Proverbs 30:7-9. How might our wealth affect our relationship with God?
* How can we demonstrate a good attitude for our families to follow? Matthew 10:26-31; 16:24-26; 6:32-34.
* Read Genesis 47:29-31 and 46:2-4. What had Jacob learned in all his years? Read Philippians 4:4-9 slowly, carefully, and meditate on what God is saying.