

THE GOOD THING ABOUT BEING REJECTED

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(Genesis 37:4)

Everyone wants to feel accepted in some type of way. It may be with your family, job, friends, environment, culture or ethnicity. **EVERYONE** has a **NEED** to be accepted. When an individual does not feel the pleasure of acceptance they will feel the pain of rejection.

Rejection is a painful experience. However, it is **NOT** necessarily a bad thing. When people reject you it is an **INFORMAL** way of God **PROTECTING** you. Sometimes the greatest blessings are presented on the plate of rejection. The feelings of rejection is not pleasurable.

Being rejected will make you **FEEL** inadequate. People who feel the pain of rejection usually ignore the purpose it produces . If you can overcome the feeling of rejection you will begin to view it as an asset rather than a liability.

The way you think about rejection will determine how it will affect you.

IF YOU FOCUS ON THE FEELING OF REJECTION
YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE.

WHY IS IT GOOD TO BE REJECTED?

Being rejected **PREVENTS** you from giving your pearls to swine. Imagine how many tragedies you avoided because you were rejected. Imagine how many losses you avoided because you were rejected.

Imagine how many setbacks you avoided because you were rejected. Your life would be a hundred times worse if you were **NOT** rejected. When God allowed you to be rejected, He **SAVED** you from the things you could not see.

He saved you from the things you could not predict. He saved you from the things you did not have the strength

to resist. **PEOPLE'S REJECTION TOWARD YOU WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S FAVOR FOR YOU.** God's love for His children is not often demonstrated through the vehicle of peace. It is usually exhibited through the vehicle of pain. Think about it!

Have you ever wondered why you experienced more rejection than acceptance? I have. God **DOES NOT** want evilness, immorality and wickedness to devour you. These three vices control the systems of the world. If you are a righteous person living in an evil world you will be rejected more than accepted.

Wisdom Note:

**GOD WILL NEVER ALLOW HIS CHILDREN TO BE
ACCEPTED BY ANYTHING OR ANYONE
UNRIGHTEOUS!**

All throughout the Gospels of the New Testament Jesus was rejected by many people. Why do you think people rejected King Jesus? King Jesus was not rejected for

doing the wrong thing. He was rejected for being righteous. The rejection Jesus experienced protected Him from the plans of evil people.

REJECTION IS PROTECTION!

YOU WILL BE REJECTED MORE THAN ACCEPTED

Genesis 37:4

Joseph was rejected by his biological brothers. Genesis 37:4 says, "*When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than he loved them they **HATED** their brother and could not speak to him politely.*" Can you imagine how Joseph felt knowing that his brothers hated him?

When someone you trust rejects you, remember this wisdom key. **WHEN PEOPLE REJECT YOU, GOD ACCEPTS YOU!** Joseph had many hardships after his

brothers rejected him. I will not express all of the particulars. However, I will provide a brief outline of what happened.

After Joseph's brothers rejected him they sold him into slavery. Joseph was a slave for many years. While he was a slave he served the Egyptian Master, Potiphar. Potiphar saw how the Lord favored Joseph.

Potiphar prospered because Joseph served him. Joseph became a comfortable slave until Potiphar's wife made a false accusation against him. Potiphar's wife accused Joseph of raping her. Her false accusation led Joseph to prison.

Joseph was in prison for approximately two years. While in prison, he found favor. When the Pharaoh of Egypt couldn't find anyone to interpret his dream the butler who was once imprisoned with Joseph remembered how he was helped by him. The butler talked about Joseph to Pharaoh.

The butler told Pharaoh that Joseph could interpret his dream. After hearing this, Pharaoh requested to see Joseph. He was very impressed with him. He knew that Joseph had an uncommon gift to produce success. The Pharaoh of Egypt promoted Joseph to be second in command over Egypt.

Joseph went from having nothing to attaining everything.

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY STARTED WITH HIM BEING REJECTED. If Joseph's brothers would have accepted him God's destiny would of rejected him.

Enduring the rejection of his brothers allowed him to enjoy the destiny of God. In order to experience the best you must be rejected by the worst. Rejection is a good thing. It positions you to receive what is greater.

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