

**PORTRAIT OF A NEGATIVE SAINT**  
**Genesis 42:29-43:14 (Series #7)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on “**A Portrait of A Negative Saint**”. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What kind of person is extremely difficult to be around?
2. What happened to Joseph’s mother?
3. What word describes Joseph’s father?
4. Jacob showed favoritism towards what two sons?
5. Jacob wasn’t only passive and biased, he was also N \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_.
6. How old was Joseph when he was appointed to second-in-command?
7. Why did Joseph’s 10 brothers come to Egypt?
8. How many years had passed since the brothers had last seen Joseph?
9. What brother was kept in Egypt while the other brothers returned home?
10. What did the brothers find in their sacks of grain, as they went home?
11. Jacob was a S \_\_\_\_\_ -C \_\_\_\_\_ man who had all but forgotten about who?
12. What things has Jacob forgotten?
  - a. He has forgotten the great \_\_\_\_\_ God had given to his father Isaac and grandfather Abraham.
  - b. He has forgotten how many times God had appeared to him to confirm His \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. He has forgotten the great privilege God granted him to be a \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. He has forgotten how God had greatly blessed Him \_\_\_\_\_ during his working years with Laban
  - e. He has forgotten how God spared his life in a wonderful reconciliation with his brother \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. He has forgotten that God had granted him the great privilege of a blessing after W \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ all night.
13. When we lose our focus (leave God out of the picture) the result is that we become what?

14. Biblical thinking sees God at work and therefore our outlook on life is positive because we know what?
15. Are you a negative, cynical, pessimistic person?
16. In chapter 45:5-9, four times Joseph says that God was the One who what?
17. What school did Joseph go to, to learn that perspective?
18. Who are you like: Jacob or Joseph?
19. Because he was a negative, stubborn old man, Jacob wouldn't listen to what?
20. What is often (probably we could say "always") at the root of the person who won't admit their problem, nor listen to the counsel of others?
21. In light of the issue of "conflict" what is a point of application given to us by Pastor Bryan?
22. Jesus said, "Blessed are the P \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
23. Some teenage rebellion is caused by what?
24. In 43:6, Jacob is bordering on encouraging his sons to be what?
25. What one problem in Jacob's life had never really been dealt with?
26. What do we need from God in order to overcome sinful character traits?
27. What may be the reason why Judah spoke up in verses 8-10?
28. The things Jacob said to take back to "the man" in Egypt were unique to what?
29. Who does Jacob finally refer to?
30. What are we exhorted to do (three times) in Colossians 3:15-17?
31. What kind of perspective enables us to live life thankfully?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Genesis 43:15-34 each day this week.
- 2) Read Genesis 37:1-43:14 for review.
- 3) What are signs of a hardened conscience?
- 4) What are signs of a guilty conscience?
- 5) What are signs of a clear conscience?