

SPIRITUAL TASK – GOOD AND BAD TIMES (Genesis 42)

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Story Pharaoh had two dreams. The first was about seven fat cows being consumed by seven gaunt cows. The second was about seven full heads of good grain being swallowed up by seven thin heads. Joseph interpreted them as a warning of seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

Meaning We all have good and difficult times. During the good times it is essential to store up good memories and truths to help us when trials do hit. As Joseph advised, fill the granaries during the good years (our minds with truths) so that there is enough to eat during the famine (so we have reserves to draw from in lean spiritual times).

Task This week commit an hour each day to filling your mind with truths. Why? We are taught: “that by truths comes faith, love towards the neighbor, or charity, love to the Lord, intelligence and wisdom, regeneration is effected, there is power against evils and falsities, and against hell, there is purification from evils and falsities, the church exists, heaven exists, comes the innocence of wisdom, there is conscience, there is order, is the beauty of angels, and also of humans as to the interiors which are of their spirit, and by truths a human is human” (*Apocalypse Revealed* 161).