

**Joseph sermon series #&**  
**“Carpe Diem — Seize the Day!” (Genesis 41)**  
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**Carpe Diem = Seize (enjoy) the day!**

**Carpe Diem Deo = Enjoy/seize the day for God!**

- 1. When opportunity knocks, will I be ready? (1-13)**
  - God had Joseph in “training” for 13 years!
  - ⇒ The time to train hard is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 2. When opportunity knocks, will I show respect? (14)**
  - Hebrews esteemed beards; Egyptians thought them offensive.
  - ⇒ The time to show respect is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 3. When opportunity knocks, will I give God credit? (15-16)**
  - *Ha Elohim* = The God.
  - ⇒ The time to give God credit is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 4. When opportunity knocks, will I use my God-given gifts? (17-32)**
  - God has given me the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ⇒ The time to use my gift for God is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 5. When opportunity knocks, will I avoid the word “I”? (33-40)**
  - Joseph puts forth a plan, not himself.
  - ⇒ The time to speak with humility is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 6. When opportunity knocks, will I adapt in non-essentials? (41-49)**
  - Joseph took an Egyptian name, and family, and clothing.
  - ⇒ The time to not be legalistic is now! Carpe Diem Deo!
  
- 7. When opportunity knocks, will I let go of the past and enjoy the present? (50-57)**
  - Manasseh = forget: I have forgotten past troubles.
  - Ephraim = twice fruitful in the land of affliction.
  - ⇒ The time to forget the past and enjoy God’s blessings is now! Carpe Diem Deo!