33 Joseph suggested this to the king: “You ought to search for an intelligent, wise man to put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. 34 You should choose tax collectors to take 20 percent from Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35 They could collect all of the food of these good years which are coming and store grain by your authority for food to be kept in the cities. 36 This food could be saved up for the country, for the seven years of famine which will be coming upon Egypt, so that Egypt will NOT be ruined by the famine.”

37 Pharaoh and all of his important officers liked this advice. They thought it was a good idea.