

SESSION TWO

- JOSEPH AND TEMPTATION - THE BATTLE FOR SEXUAL PURITY.

Genesis 39

I. Introduction

- A. Guard against losing God's will for your life.
- B. Sexual temptation is everywhere.
- C. We have to be committed to sexual purity.
- D. We have to guard against the sins that will hinder us from God's will and purpose.



II. Joseph and the temptation

- A. The key to Joseph's life was that the Lord was with him.
- B. Joseph was a man of _____.
- C. Temptation is there to remove God's favor from your life.
 - 1. To get the Lord to chasten you instead of direct you.
 - 2. Temptation wants lust to consume you.

- a. One of the problems with internet addiction is what it is doing to your thought life during the day.
 - b. Temptation want you to lust after it – that involves your heart and mind.
 - c. You cannot be dwelling on God and His will when lust controls your heart.
3. Lust now has taken your thought life and prepared you for a fall.

through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are ^atrue, whatsoever things are ^bhonest, whatsoever things are ^cjust, whatsoever things are ^dpure, whatsoever things are ^elovely, ^fwhatsoever things are of good report; if *there be* any ^gvirtue, and if *there be* any praise, ^hthink on these things.

9 These things which ye have

III. Joseph's actions toward the temptation

A. Joseph did not look for excuses for why he could give in to this temptation.

- 1. Joseph could have said:

- a. I am a slave with no hope of marriage.
- b. I don't understand why God has allowed me to suffer this – He clearly has forgotten me.
- c. This could be my only chance at physical relations with a woman!
- d. She made me do it! How could I resist?
- e. Joseph could arrange it himself so they are alone and no one would think anything of it. He could say no one will find out. I can get away with this!

2. He avoided all excuses on why to give in.

B. He maximized the _____ and minimized the _____.

- 1. His thought life was right.
- 2. Proverbs 6:27 – You will get burned.
 - a. An ox going to the slaughter
 - b. Fool heading to the stocks not aware of the coming punishment
 - c. Bird in a snare
- 3. He acted quickly when facing temptation.

4. Helps:
 - a. Don't miss devotions.
 - b. Get accountability!
 - c. Remember who you are.

IV. God's response to Joseph

- A. Joseph did right and it appears he is punished rather than rewarded for his actions.
- B. While in prison God blessed and _____ him.



V. Some additional helps for dealing with sexual sins and the internet:

- A. Fear the Lord.
- B. Consider the end.
 - 1. You will need wisdom and discretion from the Lord.
- C. Consider all you will lose.
- D. Be satisfied with your wife.
- E. Protect your _____.

