# 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.

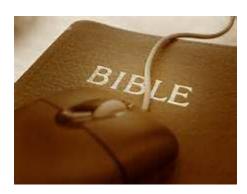
D. We have to guard against the sins

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.



- 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.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are <sup>a</sup>true, whatsoever things are <sup>b</sup>honest, whatsoever things are <sup>c</sup>just, whatsoever things are <sup>a</sup>pure, whatsoever things are <sup>e</sup>lovely, <sup>f</sup>whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any <sup>g</sup>virtue, and if there be any praise, <sup>h</sup>think on these things.

## 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.

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

