

Rise & Build:

Reflections from the Joseph Story

Fighting Temptation



Genesis 39:6-18

In our efforts to build strong families and a strong congregation in the Lord, sin can constantly wreck our efforts to move forward. Two lessons that we have touched upon but need to spend more depth on are: Fighting Temptation and Forgiving Others. Both lessons are connected to sin.

- A. Temptation is something that we all experience and face, including the Lord
- 1 Corinthians 10:13

B. Among all temptations, sexual temptation seems the _____

- It affects our insides as well as our outsides
- Some of the greatest men in the Bible struggled with sexual sin:
 - S_____ : the strongest man
 - D_____ : man after God's heart
 - S_____ : the smartest man
- in recent times many congregations have been crippled because of sexual sins among leaders

This temptation is rarely talked about and little help is offered

C. Genesis 39:6-18

What do we know about Joseph?

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What do we know about Potiphar's Wife?

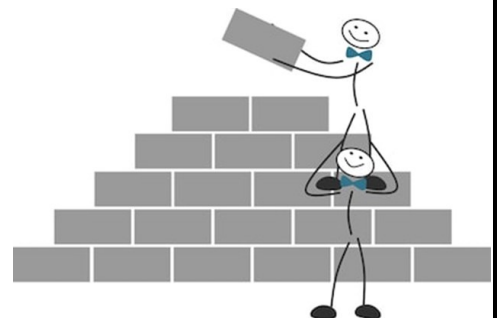
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Sexual Temptation _____ in the Mind:

- Pornography is nothing _____ (images at Pompeii and archaeological findings in Egypt, Assyria are very graphic)
- Jesus warned about lust in the mind (Mt 5:28)
- Pornography is a plague upon our civilization

How Bad Is It?

- 42 MILLION porn websites with annual revenue greater than the NFL, NBA, MLB combined
- Average age child first sees porn is 11
- 94% of children by the age of 14 have seen pornography
- One of the largest porn sites reported 15 billion hits in one year (1.68 million visits per hour for an entire year)
- 55% married men & 25% married women watch porn at least once a month



Joseph's Temptation:

1. It was n_____ (39:6)
2. It was p_____ (39:10)
3. It provided an o_____ (39:11)
4. It moved from verbal & mental to _____ (39:12)

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Joseph's Power to Resist Temptation:

1. He took responsibility (9): _____ escape
2. He recognized right and wrong (9): _____ escape
3. He responded to God (9): _____ escape
4. He refused to engage (10): _____ escape
5. He ran (12): _____ escape

D. Help From Heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-20)

1. We need to _____ that sexual sin is WRONG (9)
2. Sexual sin can be _____ (11a)
3. One can be _____ with the Lord (11b)
4. We must _____ our passions (12-13)
5. We need to _____ that we belong to Jesus (15)
6. _____ this temptation (18)
7. The Holy Spirit is _____ you (19)
8. You _____ to the Lord (19)
9. Christ _____ for you (20)
10. _____ God with your body (20)

Practical and Helpful Guidelines

Put safeguards on all electronic devices and keep tablets and computers in open areas of home

Check your child's phone and put safeguards on that

Pray for each other's purity

Don't be naïve (Prov 7:21-23):

- don't pour your soul out to the opposite sex
- don't ever go to the home of the opposite sex alone
- don't hide things from your mate (know each other's passwords)

Get help

Help your children by talking about things such as modesty, dating, temptation and what to do

Proverbs 4:23 *"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life."*

