

## HOW JOSEPH DEALT WITH SEXUAL TEMPTATION - PART 1

Genesis 39:6c-12

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### 1. THE RECOMMENDATION TO RELAX – vv. 6c-7

Temptation comes around when people experience times of success or when they are at their lowest. Become more watchful! They can be distracting times. There was nothing wrong with Mrs. Potiphar looking at Joseph. But this day two words are added “*with desire.*”

*Matthew 5:27-28 Mind, Motive, Motion, Mate - Job 31:1; Proverbs 6:23-26* “Temptation, although strong is nothing more than a presentation of a recommendation for us to walk away from sanctification.” -PD

### 2. JOSEPH REFUSED WITH SOME REASONS – vv. 8-9

a) He Refused To Betray Her Husband’s Trust – 8b-9c - Joseph told her, “I’m here because of your husband.” Joseph respected him and was grateful for how he had been treated.

b) He Refused To Ruin His Reputation - Joseph loved the person he was; enjoyed a clear conscience; special in the eyes of God; had good reputation and a testimony.

c) He Refused To Do Evil - He called it what it was: A GREAT EVIL! Joseph refused to lay down in the bed with anyone who wasn’t his wife!

d) He Refused To Sin Against God - He did not want to sin against and grieve the heart of God who had a plan for his life and trusted him to walk upright with a heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving!

### 3. JOSEPH REFUSED WITH REPETITION – v. 10

Mrs. Potiphar kept trying and trying. The devil won’t give up until you give in! But Joseph had a technique that worked back then, and it still works today.

IGNORE IT! AND DON’T GIVE THE DEVIL A FOOTHOLE.

**Romans 13:14; Proverbs 4:14-15; 25-27**

### 4. JOSEPH REFUSED TO REMAIN – vv. 11-12

a) An Isolated Situation - 11 - The text doesn’t say how all of a sudden, a day came when no one was at home except Mrs. Potiphar. Maybe she set it up. If she didn’t, the Devil did!

b) An Insolent Sinner! - 12

Joseph refused to remain in the line of the fire of temptation. How did he do it? HE RAN UP OUT OF THERE!!!! 2 Timothy 2:22