



Lesson #3: Losing Your Coat but Keeping Your Character

You will either be a _____ of a _____ depending on your response to temptation. Temptation is the school that meets 365 days of the year 24/7. There is never a spring break, there's no summer vacation and there's no time off for the holidays. Temptation just keeps coming your way.

Thank God, that in the Bible there's a man against which nothing negative is written. As a matter of fact, Joseph graduated Magna Cum Laude from the School of Temptation. While Joseph was enslaved by Potiphar the devil wanted him to be enslaved by his _____. But Joseph was convinced that God wanted him to remain morally pure. And just as God wanted Joseph to remain morally pure, God wants you to remain pure in our generation. The principles that we find in the life of Joseph will help us as we face temptation every day.

THE _____ OF TEMPTATION

You need to understand what temptation is. Satan will show you the _____ but never the _____. He'll show you the _____ but not the _____.

- A. Temptation is _____** (Gen. 39:6)
Mrs. Potiphar's look became a leer of lust. She saw Joseph coming and going and she wanted to be with him. Beware! Sensual sins begin with a glance that turns into a _____.
- B. Temptation is _____** (Gen. 39:10)
Mrs. Potiphar came to Joseph "day by day." She didn't come once or twice; she just kept coming. Every day you must be alert and aware that temptation is coming your way.
- C. Temptation is _____** (Gen. 39:11-12)
_____ unabated can very quickly, and almost surprisingly, turn violent.

THE _____ WHO ARE TEMPTED

Doctors concern themselves not only with what a disease looks like (pathology) but also the people who it affects.

- A. Temptation will come to those who _____** (Gen. 39:2-3)
Joseph prospered because God blessed him. What some would call "luck" was nothing more than the manifestation of good, godly character. But Satan hates God's children. The more prosperous you become the more the devil will want to take you down.
- B. Temptation will come to those who are _____** (Gen. 39:4-6)
If you are a Christian Satan wants to do everything he can to quench that _____ within you. There are two equally damning lies he will tell (1) Just _____ won't hurt you, and (2) Now that you have _____ your life, you are beyond God's use.

THE _____ TO OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

If you would find moral purity study what Joseph did in Genesis 39.

- A. Be aware of your _____ with God** (Genesis 39:9)
You are not a _____ going _____; you are a _____ going _____ because of what Jesus Christ has done for you!
- B. Be aware of your _____ to God** (Genesis 39:8)
Joseph accepted his _____ from God. He was seeking his own entitlement he was seeking to be _____ by God.
- C. Be aware of the _____ of God** (Genesis 39:9)
Ultimately, Joseph refused to be with Mrs. Potiphar because he acknowledge the _____ of God. Every single day Joseph practiced the presence of God.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Joseph may have lost his *coat* but he kept his *character*.

- ... Joseph did not have a _____. It hadn't been written yet.
- ... Joseph did not have a _____. There was none where he was.
- ... Joseph did not have godly _____. He was alone in Egypt.
- ... Joseph did not have godly _____. His boss worshipped the sun.

You have all those things and I tell you if Joseph can succeed so can you with all that you have going for you! You have no idea how excited God gets about the prospect of using a fully committed teenager.

