

Overcoming Temptation

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Introduction:

Theological truth about temptation (James 1:13-15)

- God does not **tempt** anyone, and God cannot be **tempted**. (v.13)
- Temptation can lead to sin: Evil **Desires** + **Distractions** + **Decisions** = Death
(14-15)

Question: Why is it important to overcome temptation?

- To protect and preserve our inner **joy, peace**, and **fellowship** with the Lord
- To protect and preserve our life **testimony** and **purpose** in God
- To protect and preserve our **relationships** with our spouse, children, and
community

Lessons from Joseph's story on how to overcome temptation (Genesis 39:1-17)

A. The Heart Condition of Potiphar's Wife (Gen 39:7-17; 1 John 2:16-17)

1. Lust of the **Flesh** – Desire for Pleasure (Gen. 39:7)
2. Lust of the **Eyes** – Desire for what's not yours (Gen. 39:10-11)
3. **Pride** of life – Desire to preserve one's reputation rather to admit wrongdoing
(Gen. 39:13-17)

Insight for living: Allow God's word to expose the condition of our hearts and dispose desires that will give birth to sin

B. Because God was with Joseph and His favor was upon him (Gen. 39:2-6)

1. Joseph **developed** godly Character (Gen. 39:2-6)

- He made wise and prudent decisions (v. 4)
- He was responsible (vv. 5-6)
- He was successful in everything that he did (vv. 2-3)

2. Joseph was **devoted** to his godly Conviction (39:6b-12)

- He acknowledged God and did not want to sin against Him (v. 9)
- He was aware of the consequences (vv. 8-9)
- He was consistent in his conviction to follow God, whether in his public or private life (v.10)

3. Joseph **displayed** Self-control (vv. 11-12)

4. Joseph **depended** on God

Conclusion