

Joseph Week 6

Persistent Temptations

Gen 39:6-20

Gen 39:6 Now Joseph was well-built and handsome 7 Then after a time his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" 10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. 11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. 13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, 14 she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. 15 When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." 16 She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. 18 But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." 19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. 20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. NIV

Temptations

- Temptations are only temptations when they are _____.
- Temptations always try to work on the _____ side of mankind--even womankind.
- The secret to Joseph's life at this stage of his career can be summed up in one little phrase: "blessed _____."
- Satan refuses to let go of any man who _____ with God.
- Lust always wants what it wants _____.
- The Bible does not teach us to _____ with sin
- *Bonhoeffer says: "In our members is a slumbering inclination towards desire which is both sudden and fierce. Sin lays _____ until it is aroused. Desire will try to seize mastery over one's flesh, all at once a secret smoldering fire is kindled, which will envelop a man's mind towards deepest darkness. The power to discern and discrimination is now gone and sin will flourish."*

Joseph's Response

- Joseph ran, leaving his coat.

- Potiphar's wife's lust now turned to _____.
- Fury, when enraged, seeks _____.

God's Response

- God sees far beyond the _____ of life for His great purpose.
- God is still preparing him for _____ and He is not done yet.
- Not only did Joseph have blessed inability, he also had beautiful _____.

Potiphar's Wife

- She _____.
- Blessings can either bring a heart of _____ or release the world of selfishness and _____.

Characteristics of Coveting

1. Coveting is a _____ to have more.
2. Coveting is a _____, uncontrolled desire.
3. Coveting wants what belongs to another--- something you cannot have.
4. Coveting is a _____ act that we must be held responsible for.
5. Coveting is _____--well designed and specifically focused.
Lust is a _____ desire. Greed is a lust for money and possessions.
6. Coveting is purely _____-_____.
7. Coveting is a desire that is well _____.
8. Coveting is nothing more than deified _____.
Potiphar's wife cared little for Joseph's _____.

Final thoughts:

- Coveting hinders the _____ of God.
- Coveting is always _____.
- Coveting does not always lead to sin, but sin most often begins with coveting.
- Coveting is a lack of _____ in God's ability to meet my every need.