

AVOID THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TEMPTED

We read that Joseph "did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her" (Gen. 39:10). This relates to the up-front commitment to be pure. If you want to be pure and you know that someone or someplace will tempt you, then avoid that person or place. If you're tempted by pornography, don't go into a store where it's readily available. If a woman or man at work is flirtatious, avoid them as much as possible. Don't lead them on by listening to them. Give strong signals that you're not interested.

FLEE WHEN YOU NEED TO

When she finally went so far as to grab Joseph's coat, he ran.

Read: 1 Cor. 6:18; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9; 2 Timothy 2:22

So, Joseph ran away and God rewarded him for his righteousness. Right? Not quite. You need to be willing to pay the price for your convictions.

Because the world is so polluted, you can expect to pay a price when you take a stand for purity. People will slander you. They'll blame you for their sin. You could even lose your job.

The battle for moral purity in a polluted world is a lifelong war. But it is winnable if you'll be aware of situations where you are vulnerable and be on guard; be aware of how temptation works; make a commitment to purity and develop a strategy before temptation hits; and, be willing to pay the price that purity in a polluted world has cost every disciple of Jesus Christ.

If you've already exposed yourself with sexual sin or you're presently entangled by it, Christ will deliver you and give you victory if you turn to Him. No sin is beyond His Grace. To every sinner who comes to Him, He says, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more: (John 8:11). Let's commit ourselves to be men and women who are pure in thought and deed!

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The Purity Test

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Genesis 39:6 - 20

2 Samuel 1:1-4

Temptation Can Show Up *Anytime*.

1Co 10:12 1Pe 5:8

Temptation Can Lead To *Impurity*.

James 1:14-15

Pr 6:32

1 Thess 4:3-5

Set Up and Keep *Boundaries*.

Pr 4:27

Recognize When You Are *Vulnerable*.

2Sa 11:1

Resist *Temptation*.

Jas 4:7

1Co 6:18

