

## LESSONS FOR PURITY

Genesis 39:6b-20

### Dream Big! Joseph's Lessons for Dreaming it and Doing it!

**Introduction:** ...has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15  
Temptation is the BAIT; Sin is the BITE!

#### Lessons for Purity:

#### 1. Your greatest success may become the greatest source of temptation. Genesis 39:6b-9b

Joseph was ...

- a) handsom v.6b
- b) powerful v.8a
- c) trusted v.8b
- d) important v.9a
- e) successful v.9b

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man, but for one man who can stand prosperity,

There are a hundred that will stand adversity. Thomas Carlyle

*So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!* 1 Corinthians 10:12

#### 2. Lust starts in the eyes. Genesis 39:7b

*I made a covenant with my eyes, not to look lustfully at a girl. Job 31:1*

*Death and destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man. Proverbs 27:20*

*Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

*Matthew 5:28*

*Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? ...A man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.*

*Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away. Proverbs 6:27, 28, 32,33*

#### 3. Your sin is a sin against God. Genesis 39:9b

You can call a skunk a two tone pussy cat with fluid drive...It is still a skunk!

You can call sin by any fancy name...It is still sin!

*If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.* Proverbs 28:9

#### 4. Persevere in saying: No! Genesis 39:10, 11

Character is what a person is in the dark.

#### 5. Flee. Genesis 39:12b

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out.* 1 Corinthians 10:13

**Application: Our part:** *Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 See also Romans 12:1*

**God's part:** *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who calls you is faithful and He will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24*

**Daily part:** *I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. 2 Timothy 1:12 See also Titus 2:1, 2*