



“DEALING WITH TEMPTATION” POWERLUNCH • AUGUST 19

Genesis 39:1-7

Genesis 39:10-12

It was Joseph’s God-given talent and absolute integrity that allowed him to rise from a teen-aged, non Egyptian speaking, imported slave, to Senior Manager of a vast and powerful estate. Success inevitably provides privileges (resources, privacy, trust). Increased authority and autonomy produces an environment ripe for intense temptation. So it is often the people who have demonstrated the highest level of integrity who experience the most seductive and destructive opportunities. But a HIGHER POWER exists to help us protect our integrity and escape from people and situations that can destroy our reputations, our families, and our futures.

Some thoughts on TEMPTATION:

1. TEMPTATION often comes when we are _____
_____ .
2. TEMPTATION is more interesting when we are more
_____ .
3. TEMPTATION comes in _____ .
4. TEMPTATION is usually accompanied by _____ .
5. TEMPTATION comes with the promise of _____ .

DESIRE + OPPORTUNITY = TEMPTATION

**DESIRE + OPPORTUNITY + REPETITION =
OVERWHELMING TEMPTATION**

What to do?

- Run.
- Don’t trust yourself too much.
- Remember that Jesus understands temptation.
- Know that Jesus offers forgiveness for failures.