



# “Resisting Temptation”

The Danger Zone  
Genesis 39:1-12

*Temptation increases with:*

## I. Prosperity - “the LORD was with Joseph” (vs. 1-6)

REFLECT

*Reminded about our :*

- A. **Identity** - “he was a prosperous man”
- B. **Ingenuity** - “all that he did to prosper in his hand”
- C. **Influence** - “blessed the Egyptian’s...for Joseph’s sake”

## II. Pride - “There is none greater in this house than I” (vs. 7-9)

REFUSE

*Respectful of the:*

- A. **Privilege** - “neither hath he kept back anything from me”
- B. **Pale** - “because thou art his wife”

Limits, bounds, a fence....beyond the pale, beyond the limits of propriety, courtesy, protection, safety

- C. **Presence** - “how then can I do...sin against God”

## III. Privacy - “none of the men... there within” (vs. 10-12)

RETREAT

*Resisting :*

- A. **Conversation** - “she spake to Joseph day by day”
- B. **Contact** - “She caught him by his garment”
- C. **Conspiracy** - “he left his garment in her hand, and fled”

## Sentence Sermon:

*“With a measure of success often comes an even greater measure of temptation.”*

## Additional Verses

- **Genesis 12:1-3**
- **Genesis 12:11; 26:7**
- **Proverbs 7:6-27**
- **Genesis 19:14; 21:9**
- **II Timothy 2:22**
- **I John 2:15-17**
- **II Samuel 14:25**
- **Proverbs 15:3**
- **Matthew 6:13; 26:41**
- **Luke 4:13; 11:4**
- **I Corinthians 7:2**
- **I Timothy 6:9**
- **Luke 22:40**
- **I Corinthians 10:13**

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How does this chapter
4. How would you describe Potiphar based on this passage?
5. How would you describe Potiphar’s wife based on this passage?
6. How would you describe Joseph based on this passage?
7. How would you describe God based on this passage?
8. What do the terms “bought” and “brought” tell us about Joseph?
9. How did Potiphar figure out the Lord caused Joseph to prosper?
10. What conditions are results of Joseph finding grace? Christians?
11. What lessons do you think Joseph learned from this experience?