

# (How Joseph Passed the Test)

### Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

"Joseph's example ought to cut us to the heart. It would have been neither easy for him as a man, nor safe for him as a slave to resist her. He could have reasoned that it was a small price to pay to keep his job; after all this was a powerful and influential woman. He could have argued with himself that in fact it might be to his advantage, it might get him even further up the vocational ladder. Or he might have given in to his raging hormones and thought, 'Well, why not, I can't help myself!' Such are our sinful human hearts that so often we can find good reasons for doing anything we really want to when the temptation is strong."

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#### I Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

"One of the devil's tricks in his campaign to promote sin and limit godliness is to call sin something other than what it is and thus make it sound less objectionable and perhaps even desirable."

- J. Boice

#### Romans 13:12 - 14

The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

#### I Corinthians 6:18a

Flee immorality.....

## II Timothy 2:22

Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.