

Joseph

- Favored son of Jacob (Gen. 37)
- Brothers sold him to Midianite traders (Gen. 37)
- Midianites sold him to Potiphar in Egypt (Gen. 37:36)
- Rose in power & brought blessing to Potiphar's house (Gen. 39:1-6)
- Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him (Gen. 39:7-18)

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Gen. 39:7-23



*She
Seduced
Him*

*He
Resisted
Her*

*Results
That
Followed*

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A. His Youth

1. Age: 18-28 (cf. 37:2; 41:46, 1)
2. Are desires that are strong in youth (2 Tim. 2:22)
3. Time when desire may be the strongest (1 Cor. 7:9)
4. Learn: are young with faith & principle!



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A. His Youth

B. She Solicited Him

1. Not he seducing her!
2. She “cast longing eyes” on him (v. 7)
 - a. “looked with desire at Joseph” (NASB)
 - b. “began making eyes at Joseph” (LBP)
 - c. Flirt with her eyes (Prov. 6:25)
 - d. Or may mean: eye set to target him!



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C. She Told Him How Far – Willing to Go

1. Not toying – flirting – only to tease
2. Said: “come lie with me” (v.7)
3. Few young men in Egypt could resist!



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D. Repetition of It

1. Resisting first instance – not too hard

a. Eve resisted at first – then yielded (Gen. 3:1-6)

b. Samson resisted Delilah (Judges 16)

2. Continual and daily (v. 10)

3. Designed to wear him down (Prov. 6:26)



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1. Fact – easily get caught is a deterrent
2. Master gone – no one else around (v.11)
3. Being alone is enticing (Prov. 7:19-20)
4. Danger: being alone with no one around!!



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A. Resisted With Words (vv. 8-9)

- 1. Said “NO” (vv. 8, 10)*
- 2. Spoke of trust (v. 8)*
- 3. Recalled sacredness of marriage (v. 9)*
- 4. Called it wickedness [evil] (v. 9)*
- 5. Called it sin against God (v. 9)*



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A. Resisted With Words (vv. 8-9)

B. Resisted With Deeds (vv. 10-11)

1. Refused to be with her (v. 10)

a. “or even be with her (NIV)

b. “kept out of her way as much as possible” (LBP)

c. Understood danger of association

d. Hang around – could easily lead to...

e. Prov. 5:8 – do not go near the door of her...



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B. Resisted With Deeds (vv. 10-11)

1. Refused to be with her (v. 10)

2. Fled and ran outside (v. 12)

a. Literally!

b. Removed himself from temptation

c. Actions showed his words were real

d. May have to leave – house, car, room, etc.



The Resistance Was Firm

A. Resisted With Words (vv. 8-9)

B. Resisted With Deeds (vv. 10-11)

C. Resisted Promptly (vv. 8, 12)

1. Without the slightest hesitation

2. Without any dallying with the temptation

3. No waiting to see how far this may go



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B. Resisted With Deeds (vv. 10-11)

C. Resisted Promptly (vv. 8, 12)

D. Resisted Firmly (vv. 8-10)

1. No wavering

2. No indecision

3. No pushing aside something that he secretly desired

4. Said “no” and meant it!



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A. See the Difference and Love and Lust

1. *The woman lusted for him – did not love him!*
 - a. Evidence: her lie & effort to destroy him (vv. 14-ff)
 - b. “But indeed all illicit passion, whether gratified or balked, has a tendency sooner or later to become transformed into hate” (Pulpit)
2. *One who lust after you – not necessarily love you!*
 - a. Lust seek gratification
 - b. Love cares about the person



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A. See the Difference and Love and Lust

B. See What He Lost

- 1. Lost his coat (vv. 12-13)*
- 2. Lost his job (v. 20)*
- 3. Lost his freedom (v. 20)*
- 4. Lost his standing / approval of man (vv. 14-23)*
- 5. You may lose: boyfriend, girlfriend, standing among “friends”*



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A. See the Difference and Love and Lust

B. See What He Lost

C. See What He Kept

1. Kept his purity

2. Kept his honor (Prov. 6:33)

3. Kept his conscience

4. Kept his reputation among the godly

5. Kept his relationship with God (vv. 21-23)



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