

**Fighting Bedroom Blindness Part 4  
(How to Avoid Being Bedroom Blinded)**

**Text: Genesis 39:1**

**Big Question:** What practical steps can you take to avoid being blinded by your sexual passions?

**I. Be Privately Consistent  
(Even when it's tough)**

**1. Joseph was unfairly sold into slavery**

- 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

**2. Joseph was an excellent employee**

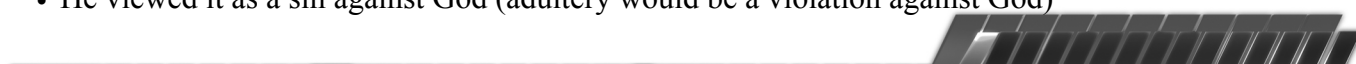
- 2 The Lord was with Joseph, and **he was a successful man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand.
- 4 So **Joseph found favor in his sight**, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.
- 5 So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that **the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake**; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field.
- 6 Thus **he left all that he had in Joseph's hand**, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate.

**3. Joseph was extremely good looking (the ladies talked about him)**

- **6b** Now **Joseph was handsome in form and appearance**.
- 7 And it came to pass after these things that **his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."**

**II. Be Firm About Your Boundaries  
(Refuse)**

**1. He refused to passively say no (he spoke directly to his temptation)**

- 8 But **he refused and said to his master's wife**, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and **he has committed all that he has to my hand**. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because **you are his wife**. **How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"**
  - He refused (v8)
  - He was loyal (v8b-9a)
  - He knew his sexual boundaries ("you are his wife")
  - He viewed it as wicked (a crime)
  - He viewed it as a sin against God (adultery would be a violation against God)
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**Note: You are not just cheating on your spouse. You are cheating on God.**

**2. He refused repeated opportunities (how many times can you say no?)**

- 10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.
- 11 But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and **none of the men of the house was inside**, 12 that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But **he left his garment** in her hand, and **fled and ran outside**.

**3. His refusal led to imprisonment (this was unfair)**

- 13 And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, 14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, “See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice

**III. Be Honest About Your Limits  
(Why burn yourself?)**

**Proverbs 6:27 (NKJV)**

- 27 Can a man **take fire** to his bosom, And his clothes **not be burned**?
- 28 Can one **walk on** hot coals, And his feet not be seared?
- 29 So is **he who goes** into his neighbor’s wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent

**IV. Be Honest About the Consequences  
(It can disqualify you)**

**1 Corinthians 9:27**

- 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become **disqualified**.

**Message Bible**

- 26 I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. **No sloppy living for me!**
- 27 I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, **telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.**

**Next Week:** Taking charge beyond your neighborhood (special guest from Brazil, fun, fun)

**End of the Year Vision:**

1. Take Charge of Your **Life** (Give God the **Master key**).....**October**
  2. Take Charge of Your **Plans** (Give God the **Final word**)..... **November**
  3. Take Charge of Your **Purpose** (What were you designed to do?).....**December**
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