

10. The FLEE Principle

God provides clear instructions and examples from Scripture for us to follow to get and to stay sexually pure.

The famous Country Western Song “The Gambler” has a verse that speaks Biblical truth. ”You’ve got to know when to hold ‘em, know when to fold ‘em, know when to walk away, and know when to RUN...” When under temptation, you must know when to RUN.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless you consistently wear Godly track shoes to FLEE or to RUN away from temptation.

1 Cor 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

2 Tim 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Gen 39:6ff ...now Joseph was well built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing an sin against God?” And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house....

If you have time, read Gen 39, the story of Joseph and Potiphar’s wife, note the consequences that Joseph paid in his quest to stay pure.

MEMORIZE: 1 Cor 6:18-20

Questions:

1. Do you think is cowardly to run away from temptation?
2. If you have ever run away from temptation, please describe it to your study group.
3. Other than someone aggressively pursuing you for sex, how or when else can you apply the ‘FLEE PRINCIPLE?’
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

5. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

Discussion: Have you ever been ridiculed or rejected for taking a stand for moral purity? If so, please discuss it.

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