

JOSEPH TRIED

JOSEPH'S CHARACTER:

1. One of single integrity.
2. He was put to every conceivable test.
3. Character tested. Gen. The fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. Gen.3:3, 4.

HOW JOSEPH WAS TESTED:

1. He enjoyed the favoritism of his father. Gen.37:3
 1. By this unreasonable and foolish attachment the interests of the family are divided and the house set in opposition to itself.
2. Joseph suffered the injury and envy of his brethren. Gen. 37:4.
 1. They would not accost him in a friendly manner. They would not even wish him well.
3. He withstood the impure solicitations of an evil woman: Potiphar's wife. Gen. 39:7-9.

CONSIDER THIS GREAT TEMPTATION:

1. It came in his youth...a young man...live it up, "gather ye rose bud while ye may."
2. There was the force of the opportunity.
 - A. Away from home...no one back home would know. Joseph and God, and the woman would know.

CONSIDER JOSEPH'S RESISTENCE TO IT:

1. He pleads the law of honor. Verse 9.
2. He pleads the law of chastity. How can I do this great wickedness. Verse 9.
3. He pleads the law of piety. Verse 9.

CONSIDER HIS VICTORY

1. He obtained the victory by flight. V. 12
2. He obtained it through loss for the moment. Verse 20. *chapter 39*

4. There was the sudden elevation to honor and power. Joseph 30 years old.
 1. Governor or lord of Egypt. Gen. 41:44.
5. There was the opportunity to avenge every wrong done him by his brethren.
Genesis chapters 42-45.

NOTE:

In order to withstand all of this, there must have been some purpose with Joseph as with Daniel 1:8.

DANIEL REQUESTED: "Of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8

③ PURPOSED...① HAVE CONSIDERED...② MADE UP MY MIND.

IT IS HERE THAT CHARACTER IS DISCOVERED.