



*The Temptation
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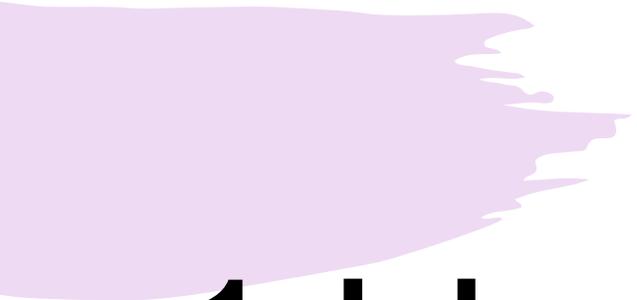


***Facing the Minefield of Temptation
(Joseph)***

LESSON ONE



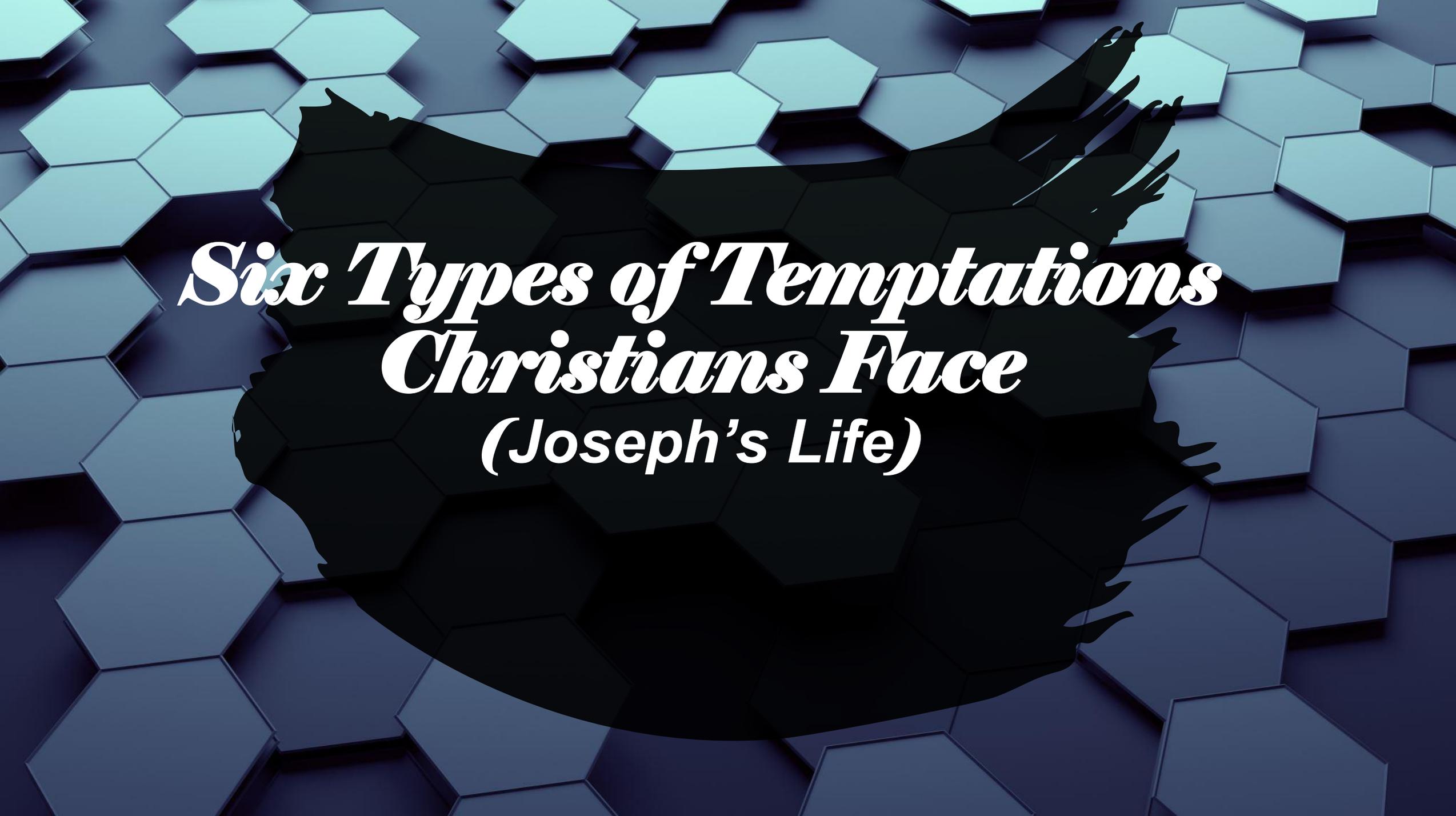
A minefield is a situation that is very complicated and full of hidden problems and dangers.



1 John 2:16, For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.

Genesis 39:6-12, So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he did not worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar’s wife soon began to look at him lustfully. “Come and sleep with me,” she demanded. But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, “Come on, sleep with me!” Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.



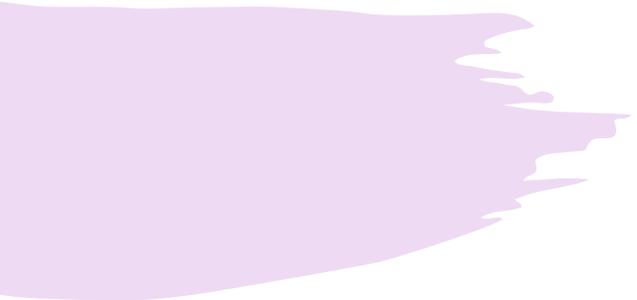
*Six Types of Temptations
Christians Face
(Joseph's Life)*

I. Natural Temptation

Now Joseph was well built and handsome. Genesis 39:6



1 Corinthians 10:13, No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



2. Influential Temptation

After a while, his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "come to bed with me!" Genesis 39:7

I Timothy 5:1-2, Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.



3. Promotion Temptation

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me. Genesis 39:9

4. Persistent Temptation

She spoke to Joseph day after day.

Genesis 39:10

5. The Perfect Setting Temptation

One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. She came and grabbed him by his cloak. Genesis 39:11-12

6. Isolation Temptation

One day he went into the house to attend to his duties and none of the household servants was inside. Genesis 39:11

Five Steps to Help You Overcome:

- 1. Do not Battle Alone. Proverbs 15:22**
- 2. Flee. II Timothy 2:22**
- 3. Watch Your Eyes. Psalm 101:3**
- 4. Be Careful of the Little Things.**
- 5. Depend on God's Strength Daily.**

Bible Study Follow Up Chat

1. What principles can we learn from Joseph in resisting temptation?
2. We live in an era of unprecedented sexual temptation. What steps should we take to protect ourselves against situations such as that in which Joseph found himself?
3. What other sexual temptations do believers face today as singles or married couples? Again, what steps to protection should be taken?
4. What are some temptations that will give us momentary pleasure but lead to pain at the end?
5. Much of the temptation we face is offered by those closest to us, such as our friends, peers and even family. Agree or disagree? Why?
6. What scriptures do you know that speaks to “paying the price” for living godly?