

**B.** Rely on the power of God to control your thoughts.

Sin always **begins** in the **mind**.

*“casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”*  
II Corinthians 10:5

*“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart..”*  
Matthew 5:28

*“...you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,...”*  
Exodus 20:17b

**C.** Rely on the power of God to control your **touch**.

Once physical contact is made then it requires more and more to satisfy desires, therefore **limit** physical contact at work.

*“Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*  
II Timothy 2:22

*“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 in to his neighbor’s wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent”*

Proverbs 6:27-29

## ARE YOU TAKING GOD TO WORK?

## TAKING GOD TO WORK The Keys To Lasting Success

Temptations In A Modern, Diverse Culture  
Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

**A.** Work. For most of us it’s a necessity. For some it’s a passion. And for others it’s the pits. But for all of us it can be so much better when we take God to work.

*“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men ”*  
Colossians 3:23

**B.** Imagine the impact in our lives if through this campaign we all learned how to take God to work and apply the keys to lasting success. Join us as Pastor Steve Reynolds reveals the keys to lasting success.

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**C. TEXT:** I Corinthians 10:13 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1125/New Test.)

There are many temptations in our modern, diverse culture. Our faithful God promises us victory over temptation! Whenever we are tempted to do wrong He will always make a way of escape to do right.

## TEMPTATIONS IN A MODERN, DIVERSE CULTURE

Work Temptation Study: Joseph (Genesis 39:1-12)

Joseph faced temptation to do wrong at work, *“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”* (Genesis 39:11).

We will also face temptations at work:

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Joseph provides a great example of how to take the way of escape and do right when tempted to do wrong at work.

### I. REMEMBER THE PRESENCE OF GOD (39:1-6a)

God’s loving presence is with you at work.

*“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”* I John 4:18

*“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”* Hebrews 4:13

*“15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!*

*16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”*

*17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

*18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”* I Corinthians 6:15-18

### II. RECOGNIZE THE PLAN OF GOD (39:6b-8a)

God’s clear plan is for you to live holy at work.

*“3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;*

*4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,”* I Thessalonians 4:3-4

*“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”*

Hebrews 13:4

*“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?”* Job 31:1

### III. RELY ON THE POWER OF GOD (39:8b-12)

God’s strong power is available to help you overcome temptation at work.

*“I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?*

*2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”* Psalm 121:1-2

#### A. Rely on the power of God to control your words.

Untamed words often lead to untamed actions.

*“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.”* Psalm 19:14

*“1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding,*

*2 That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.*

*3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;”* Proverbs 5:1-3