
Key Christian Passages: 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Learn from Their [Lousy] Examples

Meanings of the Word "Temptation":

- A test – *Something God has me go through to show me where I am at, to measure by action my obedience, to grow me.*
 - A trial – *A challenging, burdensome, or difficult circumstance.*
 - A temptation – *A situation where we are enticed to sin.*
- The principles given in the passage apply to all three.*

Possible Tests, Trials, and Temptations:

Peer pressure – Physical sickness or pain – Personal trouble or tragedy – Points of obedience that don't make sense (Abraham→Isaac) – Perilous times – Persecution – Promptings of sinful pleasure, dishonest gain, or rebellion against God or man

Principle #1: Others Have Faced What I Am Facing

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man;

Promise: God is faithful

- *To keep His promises – Let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (Heb 10:23)*
- *To enable me to obey – He who calls you [is] faithful, who also will do [it]. (1 Thes 5:24)*
- *To help me to mature – [that you may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God [is] faithful, . . . (1 Cor 1:4-9)*
- *To make my suffering count – Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls [to Him] in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. (1 Pet 4:19)*
- *To forgive my sins as I confess them – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*
- *To ground me and to guard me – But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard [you] from the evil one. (2 Thes 3:3)*
- *To remain faithful to Himself – If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. (2 Tim 2:13)*

Principle #2: God Will Not Allow More Than I Can Handle

who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,

Principle #3: God Will Always Make a Way Out or Through

but with the temptation will also make the way of escape,

Principle #4: God Will Help Me Out of or Through Each Temptation

that you may be able to bear [it].

- pass the test, pass through the trial, or pass by the temptation.

Back Up!

1. I Am Not to Measure My Spiritual Walk by _____ or _____ (1-5)

Spiritual experiences and affiliations do not equate to spirituality. Hanging around spiritual people and experiencing events don't make me spiritual.

ALL of the Israelites:

- *Were led by the cloud (fire by night) – supernatural guidance & protection*
- *Passed through the Red Sea on dry land – supernatural deliverance*
- *Were led by Moses – united with a supernaturally appointed/gifted leader*
- *Ate the supernaturally provided food*
- *Drank the supernaturally provided water*

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Get this truth: Attending church gatherings, Bible studies, SS, Christian families, etc. does not confirm my walk with God.

Though they had all of these shared experiences, God was *not* well-pleased. (Proof: All over 20 years old – except Joshua & Caleb – died in the wilderness as punishment from God). Why the history lesson?

2. I Am to _____ from the _____ of Others (6a)

To be our negative examples – what NOT to be like. So we might not become:

- _____ **What God Has Not Given** (10:6b; Num 11:4-34)
Discontented with about food; unthankful for what God had given; craving what they did not have, and which God had not chosen to provide. (plague)
Phillips: It was utter carnality to speak disparagingly of the manna and yearn after the food given to them by their oppressors in Egypt. It revealed a serious backslidden condition. They actually longed after the old way of life, and that which sustained it. They spoke disparagingly of the "angels' food," the bread from heaven, so graciously given by God.
- _____ **God with Anything** (10:7; Exodus 32:1-35)
Replacing God with something that represented Him in some incomplete fashion; rejecting truths God has revealed about Himself and replacing them with activities that would go against those characteristics. "Rose up to play." sensual music "dance," 19, "naked/wild" 25 (3,000 men died).
- _____ **Those Outside of Marriage** (10:8; Num 25:1-9)
Committed harlotry with Moab. Sexual sin is also spiritual sin (idolatry). You cannot separate the two. You cannot commit any form of sexual sin and not negotiate away God's character and commands. (23,000 died)
- _____ **Christ** (10:9; Num 21:4-9; Ex 17:2,7; 23:20-21)
Abusing God's goodness by continuing to press our complaints. Speaking against God's decisions, leadership and provision. (many died)
Phillips: It is a sin to try God's patience, to put His grace to the test, to see how far we can go, to see if He means what He says. It is folly to trade on His kindness and forbearance.
- _____ **Against Authority** (10:10; Numbers 11:1-3)
Grumbling, complaining, & criticizing of God and His leaders. Ex 15:24; 16:2; 17:2-3; Num 14:1-38 (at report of spies); 16:41-50 (at consuming of rebels); Psalm 106:25; Phil 2:14
Lenski: To murmur is to give audible expression to unwarranted dissatisfaction. Back of all murmuring against God and against his representatives is unbelief. God is no longer trusted, in fact, he is charged with leading us and treating us in a way that is wrong.

3. I Am to _____ the Lessons (11)

- *For my example*
- *For my admonition*

4. I Am to _____ the Warning (12)

- *The one thinking to be standing (b/c of affiliation, dabbling in sin, self, etc.)*
- *Take heed (lit. "be seeing!")*
- *Lest he fall.*