

Scripture text: --I Corinthians 10:12-14 nkjv

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¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Aim Of This Lesson— For Christians to see they have hope during temptations and trials.

- "Temptation" and "Tempted" same Greek words for enduring trials.
- In the first eleven verses of I Corinthians 10, Apostle Paul is warning that though Israel enjoyed the spiritual blessings of God, God was not pleased with them.

What are we suppose to learn from the failure of Israel? In I Corinthians 10:12-14, Paul gives us:

- 1. The Warning.
- 2. Hope when tempted and tried
 - --Your fight is common to all people.
 - -- No temptation and trial is impossible.
 - --A way of escape.
 - 3. Flee from idolatry.

1. The Warning.

I Corinthians 10:12 nkjv

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- When we think we are spiritually successful and spiritually cruising along, there is a higher chance for failure.
- Every day we are tempted to be selfish.
- Every day we are tempted to not be truthful and honest.
 - Every day we are tempted to be angry and express our anger sinfully.
 - Every day we are tempted to do wrong.

I Corinthians 10:13 nkjv

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.

- Your fight against temptation is common to all people.
- "You are Not Alone".

I Corinthians 10:13 nkjv

- No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; <u>but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able</u>, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- God is faithful to you and your fight. No temptation and trial is impossible.
- God has not set you up to fail, and you are NOT destined for failure.
 - You do not have to sin.
 - You do not have to give in to the temptations that come.

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- God's faithfulness includes providing a way out of the temptation.
- There is a way of escape given to us.
- Look for a way out because we do not have to obey our desires.
 - God provides the help we need to get through the trials we face. He does not leave us alone in our struggle.

3. Flee Idolatry.

I Corinthians 10:14 nkjv

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I Corinthians 10:6-7 nkjv

⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

3. Flee Idolatry.

I Corinthians 10:3-5 nkjv

³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

- Paul is asking us to identify our idols and run from them.
- Prepare your ways of escape.
 - A typical temptation takes God-given desire or need and tells us to fulfill that desire in ways that God does not approve.

The Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:13-17

Believe John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



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