

Living for the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:14-33

Paul has given instructions on **how to never fall-OT ex.** **1**-Don't crave evil things (**dissatisfied w/ Gods provisions**) **2**-Keep away from idols (**a master passion greater than Lord**) **3**-Stay pure & not immoral (**sex outside of marriage**) **4**-Don't complain against God (**disobedient-not listening to Him**) **5**-Grumbling over what God is doing & where He's leading (**longing old life-sin of unbelief**)

Basically keep a light touch w/ the world, the Lord is coming. We all have same struggles w/ flesh but God promises--**not tempt beyond what able to endure but w/ temptation leave way of escape.** So no excuse, I can't blame God or others when I don't take way of escape :13.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

Idol is nothing 10:14--but Satan can use to lead into sin--replace Christ (1st place) in your life. **Not** how close to the edge of the cliff can I get & not fall off? **How close to sin?** Instead flee/run when temptation presents itself. We need to see how far we can stay away from sin-flee don't flirt. **Meat** offered to idols-w/ liberty come responsibility. Israel fell & so can you so flee-they example to us of what not to do. **Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. Speak to wise..you judge** Are these wise words?

You judging yourself

16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

Cup of blessing – name given to 3rd cup at Passover. Jesus uses it as the symbol of blessing in His blood-**shed for sin-redemption.** **Now** Lords supper communion-the new covenant—work of Christ on cross, forgiveness of sins. No longer slave to sin--new life in Christ. As Jews redeemed from bondage of Egypt on way to freedom of promise land.

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Bread a sharing-in body of Christ--By it we enter into oneness w/ Him & each other—**Jesus said this is my body broken for you--Koinonia** (sharing in common) many grains of wheat in single loaf-many believers-one body of Christ

18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar? 19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

Israel brought sacrifice (id w/it) to altar-priest kill & roast on altar & eats--so does worshiper becoming one w/ offering. Pagans did same idols=demons

Paul exhorting “*don’t stumble weaker saints by eating meat sacrificed to idols*”. Don’t let your liberty offend or harm fellow believers.

Pagan idolatry sacrificed sons/daughters to idols-demons ***Ps 106:37,38 They sacrifice their sons & their daughters to the demons, And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons & their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan*** Astarte-sex goddess-an idol--abortion sacrifice babies to demons

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we? 23 All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

Can’t do both---**Bob Dylan “you gotta serve somebody it may be the devil it may be the Lord but you gotta server somebody”** You can’t do both ***Matt 6:24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one & despise the other. You cannot serve God & mammon***

Some things draw me away & hinder my progress w/ the Lord. I’m running the race & don’t want anything to slow me down. It may be lawful but it doesn’t build me up-it can bring me into bondage. Can stumble others.

Jealous in a good sense(**protection**)-God won’t stand for competition serving Him w/ other gods. Marriage competition? Childs learning competiton?

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24 Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor. 25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake; 26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake. 28 But if anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake; 29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

Have sympathy for others—feel what they feel, walk in their shoes & do good to them. Free to eat what you want but give thanks--God sanctifies.

1Tim 4:3...meats, which God has created to be received w/ thanksgiving by those who believe & know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, & nothing is to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. Not what goes into mouth that defiles but what comes out...Mt 15:11

Meat sacrificed to idols sold in marketplace, buy go home eat & enjoy. But if unbeliever invites to lunch, go & eat, no ?s asked. But if another guest says this is idol meat, don't eat. Not for your sake but theirs. If you eat & know you have the freedom to do so but they believe it's wrong-idol meat-stop, don't eat because of their weak conscience & they will look down on you-lose witness-judge you by their weak conscience—Self watch is good so you don't stumble others--not to the point of paranoia.

30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks? 31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; 33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.

We are to live our lives w/ to glorify God. Do I please the Lord. **Whatever we do in word and deed to all to the glory of God.** Let it be the high standard in determining what I do. *If possible, as much as lies w/in you live at peace w/ all men. Rom 12:18* Paul says I have become all things to all men that I might win the more...

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1-will they bring freedom or slavery 6:13.

2-Will they be a stumbling block or stepping stone? 8:13.

3-Will it build me up or tear me down 10:23.

4-Will it only please me or will it glorify Lord 10:31.

5-Will it win others to Christ or will I lose my witness