

## **1 Corinthians Part Two**

### **Lesson #5, Chapter 10:1-13**

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and 10:1-13 before beginning this lesson. There's so much in this lesson that you won't want to miss. Be sure to spend time with the Lord all along the way.

1. Everything we've looked at from Chapters 9 and 10 flows from the principles presented in Chapter 8. Briefly summarize the guidelines in Chapter 8 that we can apply when exercising our Christian liberties. Include the verse from Chapter 8 that best sums up the mindset every believer is to have.
2. Paul illustrated in Chapter 9 how he applied those principles for Christian liberties with examples from his own life. How did Paul regulate his freedoms according to Chapter 9? What verse from Chapter 9 best sums up Paul's goals for using his freedoms?
3. What was Paul concerned about for himself in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27?
4. How did Paul intend to stay in the "race" according to 9:24-27?
5. Paul was motivated to run the race well so that he wouldn't be disqualified like another group of people he knew. Who was that? See 1 Corinthians 10:1.
6. This group had been given every advantage so they would run the race well. What were some of the privileges they enjoyed according to verses 1-4?

7. Further explain how God blessed the Israelites with each of the privileges cited here.
  - a. Under the cloud—see Ex. 13:21-22; Ps. 78:14; 105:39.
  
  - b. Through the sea—see Ex. 15:19; Ps. 78:15, 53.
  
  - c. Baptized into Moses—see Ex. 14:31; Jn. 9:28-29.
  
  - d. Ate same spiritual food—see Deut. 8:3.
  
  - e. Drank same spiritual drink—see Deut. 8:15; 1 Cor. 10:4.
  
8. Yet, in spite of the advantages they received, they had a problem. What was their problem according to verse 5?
  
9. What does it mean when it says in verse 5 that *they were laid low in the wilderness*? See Deut. 1:34-35; 2:14-16; Ps. 78:32-34.
  
10. What's the big picture message that God wants to make sure we get? See verses 6 and 11. Explain why God wants us to understand these important lessons.
  
11. What's the first lesson we need to learn from the Israelites in verse 6?

12. What does it mean to *crave* [Strong's #1938 (ESV *desire*; NKJV *lust*; NIV *set our hearts on*)] something? See also Eph. 2:3; 2 Pet. 2:10; 1 Jn. 2:16.
  
13. What should we crave instead? See Ps. 73:25; Prov. 19:22; 21:3; Rom. 10:1; Phil. 1:23-24; 2 Thess. 1:11-12; Heb. 11:16; 13:18.
  - a. What's your “craving” quotient today for those things?
  
  - b. How can you increase your desire for the Lord and His ways?
  
14. What is the second lesson we need to learn from the Israelites (verse 7)? What do we learn about “the second lesson” from the following verses? See 1 Sam. 15:23; Gal. 5:19-20; Col. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:3.
  
15. You may not worship a little statue, but you may discover that you look to other things for your comfort and soul-satisfying. What are some idols we might worship today?
  - a. What are we really saying to God when we make *anything* an idol in our lives?
  
  - b. What are some ways you maintain spiritual faithfulness to the Lord? See also Ps. 73:25-28; 119:38; Phil. 3:7-14; Col. 3:1-3.

16. What's the third way the Israelites disqualified themselves in the Race? See verse 8. What do you learn from the following verses? See 1 Cor. 6:13; Eph. 5:3; 1 Thess. 4:3, 7.
  
17. What are some ways you can maintain purity of body, mind, and spirit? See 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Eph. 5:7-12; Titus 2:11-14.
  
18. What is the fourth lesson we can learn from the Israelites? See verse 9. What does this look like? See Ex. 17:2, 7; Num. 21:5-6; Ps. 78:17-18, 56; 95:9.
  
19. When are you most prone to testing the Lord with a stubborn, unsubmitive spirit? What are some ways you prepare yourself to respond correctly? See Ps. 19:13-14; 119:10-11; Is. 66:2; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 5:5-7.
  
20. And finally, what's the fifth way recorded here that the Israelites disqualified themselves in the Race (verse 10)? What do the Scriptures have to say about this sin? See Num. 11:1; Ps. 106:25; Phil. 2:14; James 5:9.
  
21. What's the antidote to complaining? See 1 Thess. 5:18.
  - a. What are some ways you can remind yourself to do this more throughout the day? See also Ps. 28:7; 118:21; Col. 3:15-17; Heb. 13:15.
  
22. One of the reasons God has preserved the stories of those who came before us is found in verse 11. What do we learn? Why is it so important that we learn these lessons now (verse 11)?

23. How are we to respond to *instruction*? See Ps. 32:8-9; 78:1; Prov. 10:17; Rom. 15:4; 2 Thess. 3:14-15.
  
24. What does the warning of verse 12 tell us we might be tempted to do as we review the sins of the Israelites?
  
25. What do we need to make sure we always remember? See Prov. 16:18; 28:14; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Pet. 3:17.
  
26. What is the answer to overcoming or withstanding each of those areas of sin we just looked at? See verses 12-13.
  
27. What do you learn about battling sin and temptation from verses 12-13? How can that make a difference in your life today?

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh.  
~ Annie Hawks