

Love + Liberty

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Encouragement to Endure in Love 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

REVIEW:

1. An athlete has a goal to achieve and adjust his life to that goal (vv. 9:24-25).
2. Paul models the required training, self-sacrifice, and proper motivation for loving others (vv. 9:26-27).
3. The goals:
 - a. Toward believers: *"love builds up"* (v. 8:1).
 - b. Toward unbelievers: *"I have made myself a servant to all that I might win more of them"* (v. 9:19).

Israel's example as seen in their advantages:

1 Cor. 10:1-5 *"1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness."*

Israel's example as seen in their failures:

1 Cor. 10:6a *Now these things took place as examples for us,*

To love effectively, we must be disciplined in...

1. ...maintaining proper desires.
1 Cor. 10:6a *"that we might not desire evil as they did".*
2. ...keeping God central.
1 Cor. 10:7 *"Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.""*
3. ...pursuing purity.
1 Cor. 10:8 *"We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day."*
4. ...cultivating humility.
1 Cor. 10:9 *"We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,"*
5. ...embracing gratitude.
1 Cor. 10:10 *"nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer."*

We can trust God's work, character, and promises to help us in our goal to love.

1. Not only do we have Israel's example, we have been given even better advantages than they had!

1 Cor. 10:11 "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come."

2 Cor. 3:10 "Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it."

2. In light of the life God has ushered us into, we humble ourselves before him.

1 Cor. 10:12 "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."

3. When temptations and trials do come, we depend on God's faithful aid to endure.

1 Cor. 10:13a "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful,"

- a. Whatever we face, we can do so with confidence in God's power in us.

1 Cor. 10:13b "and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability,"

- b. No matter how long we face it, we know an end will come.

1 Cor. 10:13c "but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Reflection & Discussion

1. Reflect again on the rich blessings of the gospel. Do these realities impact the way you live and love?
2. Identify areas in your own life where you need to be more disciplined. What can you expect to happen with regards to your love for God and others as you develop greater discipline?
3. How can you better prepare for trials and temptations? Are you actively trusting God's promises when difficulties arise? How do those promises develop greater endurance?

SONGS

"King Of Heaven" - Jason Ingram, Paul Baloche

"God So Loved" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"Reign Above It All" - Ethan Hulse, Hannah McClure, Jess Cates, and Paul McClure

"Jesus Paid It All" - Elvina M. Hall

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$60,545.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,505,325.44

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,551,968.00