

Being warned by lessons of the past

We are informed so we don't make the same "bad decisions" - 1 Cor 10:1-6-For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, **God was not pleased with most of them;** their bodies were scattered over the desert. 6 Now these things occurred as **EXAMPLES TO KEEP US FROM SETTING OUR HEARTS ON EVIL THINGS AS THEY DID.** 1.) **Idolatry** 2.)**Sexual Immorality** 3.) **testing God** 4.) **Grumbling**

Example concerning idolatry - 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 got up to indulge in pagan revelry."

Ex 32:1-6 - **When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain**, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Ex 32:21-29 - 21 He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" 22 "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. 23 They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' 24 So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" 25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. 26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. 27 Then he said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" 28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. 29 Then Moses said, "**You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.**"

- Impatience & situationally lead astray
- Desire

Idolatry today

The act of idolatry is what is dangerous not the idol itself - 1 Cor 10:14-22 - 14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. 18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 **NO**, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21 **YOU CANNOT DRINK THE CUP OF THE LORD AND THE CUP OF DEMONS TOO; YOU CANNOT HAVE A PART IN BOTH THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE TABLE OF DEMONS.** 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Idolatry in ANY FORM guarantees a place in Hell - Eph 5:5-7 - 5 For of this **YOU CAN BE SURE:** No immoral, impure or greedy person — **such a man is an idolater** — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS**, for because of such things God's wrath comes **on those who are disobedient.** 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

Example concerning Sexual Immorality 1 Cor 10:8 **We should not commit sexual immorality**, as some of them did — and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

Num 25:1-9 - While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, 2 who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate and bowed down before these gods. 3 So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them. 4 The Lord said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of these people, kill them and expose them in broad daylight before the Lord, so that the Lord's fierce anger may turn away from Israel!" 5 So Moses said to Israel's judges, "Each of you must put to death those of your men who have joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor." 6 Then an Israelite man brought to his family a Midianite woman right before the eyes of Moses and the whole assembly of Israel while they were weeping at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand 8 and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear through both of them — through the Israelite and into the woman's body. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; 9 but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000.

- Desire & self

Sexual immorality today

Sex outside of what God commands is very dangerous to our bodies which are God's temple - 1 Cor 6:13-20-13 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"-but God will destroy them both. →

➔ **The body is not meant for sexual immorality**, but **for the Lord, and the Lord for the body**. 14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 18 **FLEE FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY**. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your body**.

God warns all the sexually immoral will be judged - Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored BY ALL, and the marriage bed kept pure, for **GOD WILL JUDGE** the adulterer and **ALL the sexually immoral**.

Example concerning testing God - 1 Cor 10:9 **We should not test the Lord**, as some of them did — and were killed by snakes.

Num 21:4-9 - 4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" 6 Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (Jn3:14)

- Impatience
- Ungrateful

Testing God today

We must not live using God to test God - Matt 4:5-7 - 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. **For it is written**: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written**: '**DO NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST**.'"

You may fool everyone else but YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **Do not be deceived: GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED**. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature **WILL REAP** destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit **WILL REAP** eternal life.

Example concerning grumbling - 1 Cor 10:10 And **do not grumble**, as some of them did — and were killed by the destroying angel.

Num 16 - Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites — Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth — became insolent 2 and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. 3 They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?" 4 When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. 5 Then he said to Korah and all his followers: "In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him. 6 You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers 7 and tomorrow put fire and incense in them before the Lord. The man the Lord chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!" 8 Moses also said to Korah, "Now listen, you Levites! 9 Isn't it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the Lord's tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? 10 He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too. 11 It is against the Lord that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?" 12 Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, "We will not come! 13 Isn't it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us? 14 Moreover, you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? No, we will not come!" 15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the Lord, "Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them." 16 Moses said to Korah, "You and all your followers are to appear before the Lord tomorrow — you and they and Aaron. 17 Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it — 250 censers in all — and present it before the Lord. You and Aaron are to present your censers also." 18 So each man took his censer, put fire and incense in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 19 When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the Lord appeared to the entire assembly. 20 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 21 "Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." 22 But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, "O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?" 23 Then the Lord said to Moses, 24 "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'" 25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 He warned the assembly, "Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins." 27 So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents. 28 Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the Lord has sent me to do all these things and THAT IT WAS NOT MY IDEA: ➔

→29 If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the Lord has not sent me. 30 But if the Lord brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the Lord with contempt." 31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. 33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. 34 At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" 35 And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense. 36 The Lord said to Moses, 37 "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy — 38 the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the Lord and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites." 39 So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, 40 as the Lord directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that **no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the Lord, or he would become like Korah and his followers.** 41 The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said. 42 But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the Tent of Meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared. 43 Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting, 44 and the Lord said to Moses, 45 "**Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.**" And they fell facedown. 46 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. **Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started.**" 47 So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. 48 He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped. 49 But **14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah.** 50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, for the plague had stopped.

- Pride
- Envy

Grumbling done today

We must avoid the things that cause quarrel because we must not quarrel - 2 Tim 2:22-24 - 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the **LORD'S SERVANT MUST NOT QUARREL**; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

When we don't grumble we are spiritually changed - Phil 2:14-17 - 14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 **so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation**, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

We are commanded not to grumble because God will judge – James 5:9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or **YOU WILL BE JUDGED**. The Judge is standing at the door!

This is an example for us knowing the choice is yours - 1 Cor 10:11 These things happened to them AS EXAMPLES and were written down **AS WARNINGS FOR US**, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

What we need to do today to avoid these dangerous things

We need to kill the things produced from our earthly nature - Col 3:5-10 - 5 **Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature**: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But **now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

Recognize these things and eliminate any trace of them along with what causes them - Eph 5:3-7 - 3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 **Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking**, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 **For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — HAS ANY INHERITANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST AND OF GOD.** 6 **Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

Patiently wait on God in all circumstances - James 5:7-9 - 7 **Be patient**, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!