

Examples Written for Our Admonition

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Intro-

1. **1 Cor. 10:1-13**
2. Context of this passage
 - a. Christian's Liberty (chapters 8,9,10)
 - b. 8- Brethren show love to one another, don't let liberty be a stumbling block for a brother to sin. (**1 Cor. 8:13**)
 - c. 9- Paul's personal example – had a right to be financially supported, waived right, sacrificed liberty for their benefit, lest the cause of Christ be hindered
 - d. Paul brought himself into subjection (**1 Cor. 9:27**)
 - e. 10- Instruction to the strong – be careful lest you fall into sin (**1 Cor. 10:12**)
3. Calls our attention to Israel who became our examples (:6) ; these things happened to them for examples (:11)
 - a. Can be positive or negative
 - i. Positive – pattern to be imitated
 1. Elders – examples to flock (**1 Pt. 5:1-3**)
 2. Paul, et al. - examples to follow – **2 Thess. 3:6-9**
 - ii. Negative – pattern of behavior to be avoided
 1. 1 Cor. 10 – don't follow in their behavior as it led to their destruction
 2. **Psalm 95:7b-11** - don't harden your hearts like Israel!

Discussion-

I. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE UNAWARE... (I WOULD NOT THAT YE SHOULD BE IGNORANT - KJV)

- A. All came out of Egypt, but All didn't enter promised land
- B. 5 "all's" in first 4 verses – the people were greatly blessed
 1. All were under the cloud – (**Ex. 13:21-22**)
 2. All passed through the sea - **Ex. 14:21-22,29; Heb. 11:29**
 3. All were baptized unto Moses
 - a. Baptism is an overwhelming, covering, immersion – cloud, walls of water, dry ground
 - b. Doesn't mean water! They didn't get wet
 4. All ate the same spiritual meat – **Ex. 16:4,15,35**
 5. All drank the same spiritual drink – (**Ex. 17: 1-7**)
 - a. The rock was Christ- we see Christ deity and preexistence
- C. All were blessed, all received these things, all were redeemed of their bondage in Egypt, but not all made it to Canaan! - With most of them God was not well pleased! -- What a sad statement! – **1 Cor. 10:5**

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OUR EXAMPLES THAT WE SHOULD NOT...

I. LUST

- A. **1 Cor. 10:6** – don't lust after evil things
- B. **Numbers 11:4-6** – lusted after the food of Egypt
- C. **Num. 11:31-35** – they were punished
- D. **James 1:13-15** – lust (desire) brings forth sin

II. BECOME IDOLATERS

- A. **1 Cor. 10:7**
- B. **Exodus 32:1-6** – golden calf while Moses was on the mt.
- C. **Exodus 32:19-29** – Moses' reaction and their punishment
- D. **1 Cor. 10:14** – flee from idolatry
- E. (**Col. 3:5**) – Mortify your members...covetousness, which is idolatry – don't have to worship a golden calf to be guilty

III. COMMIT FORNICATION

- A. **1 Cor. 10:8** – fell in one day 23,000!
- B. **Numbers 25:1-9** – fornication with Moab
- C. **1 Cor. 5:1-2 ; 9-10 ; 6:18 ; 7:2**
- D. **Eph. 5:3** – let it not be named among you!
- E. **1 Thess. 4:3** – it is the will of God to abstain from

IV. TEMPT CHRIST

- A. **1 Cor. 10:9** – tempted Christ-destroyed serpents
- B. **Numbers 21:4-9** – discouraged...spoke against God
- C. :8 – looked forward to Christ (**John 3:14-16**)
- D. The Corinthians tempted the Lord when they partook in the idolatrous feasts in the temple – provoked the Lord to jealousy (**1 Cor. 10:22**)

V. COMPLAIN (KJV - MURMUR)

- A. **1 Cor. 10:10** – were destroyed of the destroyer
- B. 7 recorded murmurings in the book of Numbers – God was not pleased - we need to be careful not to complain
- C. Numbers 13 – Caleb and Joshua (**Num. 13:30**)
- D. the 10 – we are not able to go up against the people for they are stronger than we (**Num. 13:31**) We are grasshoppers (**Num. 13:33**)
- E. Pessimism → murmuring (**Num. 14:1-3**)
- F. Punishment – **Numbers 14:22-24; 28-38**
- G. Do all things without murmurings and disputes (**Phil. 2:14**)

CONCLUSION-

1. So what? – **1 Cor. 10:11-13** – examples for our admonition
2. Why stay in Egypt? Jesus has been lifted up to be our redeemer as Moses was their redeemer.
3. Why not come believing (Heb. 11:6) and repenting of your sins
4. To confess Christ as the Son of God

5. And be baptized into His blood for the remission of sins
6. But know that it doesn't stop there – ALL were redeemed in Egypt, ALL were baptized into Moses, but not all entered the promised land
7. Narrow is the way and few there are that find it.
8. If you have erred, let us pray with you and for you,
9. Please come!