

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

1 Corinthians 10

Lesson 15

After giving his personal example of the proper use of rights and liberties in 1 Corinthians 9, Paul uses the history of Israel as an example to warn believers that our choices must involve several considerations, all under the umbrella of God's glory. May the principles set forth in this chapter govern our daily decisions.

DAY ONE: Read 1 Corinthians 10

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

- a. 1 Corinthians 10 has been divided into four sections. List below the subject(s) covered in each section.

Verses 1-10

Verses 11-13

Verses 14-22

Verses 23-33

How would you title each section? Record your titles on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

After titling each segment division, record a title for chapter 10.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in prior homework lessons: *God, Jesus, Paul, and the recipients of the letter.*

New to this lesson: *all*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 1 Corinthians 10. Remember, as you mark the words *God, Jesus, and Paul*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to them. You do not need to mark every word that refers them - only those that you feel are significant.

3. Using the chart provided with your Observation Worksheets, add any information you feel is pertinent about the **Author(s)**, the **Recipients**, **Problems**, and **Commands**.
4. Paul uses the term of conclusion *therefore* three times in 1 Corinthians 10 (verses 12, 14, and 31). Mark each instance. Choose one of them and share what the *therefore* is there for (what the conclusion is based on).

DAY TWO: Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-10

1. Although Paul begins this chapter using Moses and the Israelites as an example, why are these verses also for our admonition? verses 6,7 and 11
2. Notice the word *all* is repeated five times in 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. *All* of those who came out of Egypt's slavery had the same blessings and provisions. List these. (The cross-references in Exodus have been provided for your further understanding.)

Exodus 1 Cor. 10

13:21,22	1	<i>all</i> _____.
14:22	1	<i>all</i> _____.
14:29-31	2	<i>all</i> _____.
16:4,31	3	<i>all</i> _____.
17:6	4	<i>all</i> _____.

3. In spite of God's miraculous deliverance of the Children of Israel out of the bondage and slavery of Egypt, what did many of them do? Use the following chart to record their actions and the consequences of their behavior from 1 Corinthians 10:5b-10.

What they did	The consequences
vs. 6b	vs. 5b
vs. 7a	Exodus 32:6b-10
vs. 8	vs. 8
vs. 9*	vs. 9
vs. 10	vs. 10

*Note: *tempt Christ* literally means to put Him on trial. See Exodus 17:2 and Numbers 21:5,6

4. How does seeing the consequences for these sins alert you to the seriousness of avoiding them?

Challenge: Research the phrase *destroyed by the destroyer*.

DAY THREE: Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

1. *These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come* (1 Corinthians 10:11 NIV). How are you *warned* by these examples?
 - a. If you are tempted to lust after evil things, put anyone or anything above God, indulge in immorality, test the Lord, or complain, how will you deal with it?

2. Perhaps we look at these specific sins and think: "I would never do any of those". How does 1 Corinthians 10:12 speak to us about overconfidence?
 - a. What should *take heed* mean in your life?

3. Print 1 Corinthians 10:13 phrase by phrase.
 - a. In light of this verse, why is there no excuse for our willful indulgence in sin?

 - b. Often when people are caught up in some sin they think no one has ever been as tempted as they have, or that no one else has ever experienced such a torrid, irresistible passion as they have. What one word does 1 Corinthians 10:13 use to describe *temptation*:
c ____ ____ ____ ____ *to man*.
 - 1.) How does this downsize their deception?

4. What is God's part when we are tempted? 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - a. What is our responsibility?
Psalm 119:11
1 Corinthians 6:18
1 Corinthians 10:14
2 Corinthians 10:5
2 Timothy 2:22

 - b. What practical counsel would you give someone who is struggling with temptation?

5. If you are in a place of temptation, how will Hebrews 2:18 minister to you?

DAY FOUR: Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

1. In 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 believers are warned not to take part in pagan feasts. Two key words in this passage are *communion* in verse 16 and *fellowship* in verse 20. When we partake in a religious feast we are fellowshiping with the one worshipped at the feast. With Whom do we have *fellowship* when we take the bread and cup in our Communion service? 1 Corinthians 10:16,17

2. With whom is a person fellowshiping in the pagan feasts? 1 Corinthians 10:20

3. Pagan idols are not limited to statues of gods. This could represent anything that has demonic influence. What might be an example of a pagan idol today?
 - a. With all the “pagan idols” in our country today, if you were invited to one of their feasts, in adherence to this passage, what would you do?

4. According to verse 21, what are we told we cannot do?
 - a. What could be the result of this? verse 22a

 - b. How will you follow the advice of 1 John 5:21?

5. (*for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God*), (Exodus 34:14). Often we think of the word *jealous* in negative terms. Yet, the Lord’s jealousy over us is a good thing. What do you think of when you think of the Lord being *jealous* over you?

DAY FIVE: Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

1. Although the Christian has liberty in Christ to do whatever is not sinful in itself, what guidelines must govern this freedom? Summarize your answer from 1 Corinthians 10:23,24.

2. How did Paul resolve the dilemma of whether to eat meat that may have been sacrificed to idols? verses 25,26
 - a. What do you think he means by the term *for conscience' sake*?
 - 1.) How might Romans 14:23 relate to this?

3. *For conscience sake.* We are to be sensitive to our own consciences. Yet, what do we also need to consider before we exercise our liberty? 1 Corinthians 10:28-30

4. Record the two questions asked in 1 Corinthians 10:29,30.
 - a. These are fair questions. Yet, they can be self-justifying questions. How would you answer someone who asked these questions?

5. What three principles must govern all of our decisions? verses 31-33
 - a. Which of these three principles presents the greatest challenge to you today? Why?

*Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,
just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit,
but the profit of many, that they may be saved.*

- 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 NIV

DAY SIX: Review 1 Corinthians 10

1. There is much we can learn from Old Testament history. What have you learned about the following that you can personally apply to your life?
 - a. Israel

 - b. God's reactions to their sin and failures

2. How does God help us to escape temptation?

3. What promise or warning do you use in your life to remind you and equip you to stand up to temptation?

4. In what way has 1 Corinthians 10:14-23 spoken to you about your participation in "pagan feasts" that represent partaking of the *table of demons*?

5. Think of a time when you preferred the conscience of another over your own liberties. What was it like?

6. List the principles stated in 1 Corinthians 10 that should govern our behavior.

*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests,
but also for the interests of others.*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

- Philippians 2:4

Scripture References for Lesson 15

DAY TWO:

Exodus 13:21-22 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. ²²He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

Exodus 4:22 *Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.*

Exodus 14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exodus 14:29-31 But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. [30] So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. [31] Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Exodus 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

Exodus 16:31 And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it *was* like white coriander seed, and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

Exodus 17:6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 32:6-10 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it *is* a stiff-necked people! ¹⁰Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

Exodus 17:2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

Numbers 21:5-6 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." ⁶So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

DAY THREE:

1 Cor. 10:11 NIV These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

Psalms 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

1 Cor. 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1 Cor. 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

2 Cor. 10:5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

2 Tim. 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

DAY FOUR:

1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Exodus 34:14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

DAY FIVE:

Romans 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin.

1 Cor. 10:31-33 NIV So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- ³³even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

DAY SIX:

Philip. 2:4-5 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,