



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 19: Learn From Their Mistakes

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

In Scripture, we are given many examples from those who came before. Look up these names (or choose 4 to look at) and the verses that go with them. Make a chart for yourself and write down who was a positive example, who was a neutral example, and who was a negative example. What does Scripture have to say about the sins or praiseworthiness of these people? (Keep in mind, we are looking at not just one snapshot of these lives, but at the overall pattern of their lives.)

Manasseh 2 Chronicles 33:1-17

David 1 Samuel 24:1-7, 25:1-38, 30:1-5, 2 Samuel 4:5-12, 7:8-16, 11:2-17, 12:1-14, Psalm 51:1-6

Abraham Genesis 12:10-20, 14:17-24, 15:7-21, 16:1-5, 20:1-14, 22:1-18

Josiah 2 Kings 22:1-13, 23:1-27

Absalom 2 Samuel 13:20-33, 14:21-33, 15:1-12, 16:20-23, 18:9-15

Rahab Joshua 2:1-21, 6:22-25

Ruth Ruth 1:4-17, 2:2-7, 3:6-13, 4:13-17

Ananias Acts 5:1-6

Apollos Acts 18:24-28

Omri 1 Kings 16:15-28

Rehoboam 1 Kings 12:1-15

Nabal 1 Samuel 25:1-38

Read James 1:12-15. What has God promised? Is this promise for everyone? Who is it for? What does James tell us, clearly, that God does not do? What are we tempted by? How does that end in death?

Ladies, consider that there ARE things that God cannot do. He cannot sin. He cannot tempt humans with evil. He cannot BE tempted with evil. In Genesis, when Adam and Eve were tempted, was the LAST time that anyone was tempted SOLELY from outside of themselves. We all have a sin nature, and our own sin nature tempts us and leads us to sin; while this is the result of the fall and can be pointed to Satan, when we sin it is not necessarily because we are actually being actively tempted by Satan or one of his minions. We don't know what it is like to purely have to fight against outside temptation; we struggle against our own fleshly desires.

Read Deuteronomy 6:16, Exodus 17:1-7. What was the sin of the people here? What specifically did they do that tested God? Why is that a sin?

Read Philippians 4:4-7. What practical counsel are we given to live lives that honor God? How are our hearts and minds to be kept? What is it that will keep our hearts and minds this way? What warning is that for us?

Ladies, as you spend time with God today, consider how you are interacting with your sin. Are you in the business of killing sin and fleeing temptation, or are you indulging sin and allowing it to have mastery over you? God is faithful, but we have to fight against our very flesh to not be enticed to sin. Are you fighting against your flesh, ladies? Ask God to help you to see where you might be indulging sin instead of fighting it. Ask him to help you to hate your sin and to seek Him first always.