

LESSON 16: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11:1

All For the Glory of God

1. In what events did “all” the Israelites share (verses 1-5)? “Nevertheless God was not pleased with most of them.” Why? (See Numbers 14:26-30; Hebrews 3:16-17.)
2. Why does Paul remind us of these events (vv. 6, 11)? Aren’t they a little bit removed from us for any practical application? Related to this: what is the primary evil of which the Israelites were guilty (v. 7)? Is this a current problem?
3. In 9:24-27, Paul urged the Corinthians to be spiritually disciplined. In what ways have they been undisciplined (vv. 7b-10)? How can this activity be equated with idolatry (v. 7)?
3. How do we put the Lord “to the test” (v. 9)?
4. “No temptation (or “trial,” or “test”) has seized you except what is common to man.” Why do you think that God allows you to be tempted? What warning does Paul give (v. 12)? What escape is provided, and by whom (v. 13)? How does this assurance help you in your personal pursuit to be spiritually disciplined?
5. Again, what is the core sin with which Paul is dealing (v. 14), and how does he advise us to deal with it? What “idols” threaten your walk with Christ?

6. In what activities have the Corinthian Christians been participating, and whose jealousy is being aroused (vv. 15-22)?

7. Paul's position is that if you participate in a feast or dinner honoring someone, you become a partner with the one being honored. What's the problem, as he sees it (v. 20)? Although idols are nothing in themselves, what spiritual activity is taking place behind idolatry?

8. How sacred then is the table of the Lord, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper? What does it mean spiritually to participate in the Lord's Supper? How is true worship a vital part of the Christian's struggle against Satan's attacks?

9. What principles should guide your behavior as a Christian (vv. 23-33)? Why may your actions, but not your conscience, be subject to another's conscience?

10. Compare verse 33 with 9:22. What does Paul mean when he writes, "even as I try to please everybody in every way?" Can you really please everyone in everything?