

Fighting Life's Greatest Battles
1 Corinthians 10

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (HCSB)

"Therefore, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so that you are able to bear it."

I. A Resolute Reminder

Verse 3-5,11

They all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ. But God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 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.

II. A Deadly Danger

Verse 12 – "...whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall!"

Proverbs 16:18 (ESV)

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

John MacArthur

Christians who become self-confident become less dependent on God's Word and God's Spirit and become careless in their living. As carelessness increases, openness to temptation increases and resistance to sin decreases. When we feel most secure in ourselves – when we think our spiritual life is the strongest, our doctrine the soundest, and our morals the purest – we should be most on our guard and most dependent on the Lord.



III. A Practical Promise

Verse 13 – “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so that you are able to bear it.”

- Temptation is always Limited.
- God is always Faithful.
- Escape is always Possible.

2 Peter 2:9 (NASB)

“The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation.”

4 Words for an Effective Escape:

- Run – Genesis 39:11-12
- Resist – Psalm 119:11
- Replace – Ephesians 4:22-25
- Rely – Hebrews 12:1-4