



Trait # 16- Ignoring History
Day 1

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14;

"Now these things became our examples"-vs 6, "now all these things happened to them as examples" vs 11 (**also see: Rom. 15:4**)

What do you think the above verses are telling us?

How do you think verse 12 coincides with the above verses?

"to the intent that we should not lust* after evil things as they also lusted".

*To lust after something is a condition of the heart. It means our "treasure" is misplaced (Matthew 6:21). Sin first takes place in this heart of ours before it ever materializes (Matthew 15:19,20).

Read Psalm 19:14; What is your heart's meditation?

Now go back to verses 12,13 of this chapter. This is a great prayer to pray. God is willing to help you overcome an inner struggle with sin. Often we are afraid to ask God for help in this area. Lets change that way of thinking together.

Memorize this verse: 2 Chronicles 16:9;

You see we can have a heart that is loyal to Him, and still struggle with sin. Just look at the life of King David. He was by the world's standard not even a moral man at times... yet he was considered a man after God's own heart. Why? Because God doesn't judge us by our performance, or we would all be in some serious trouble. He looks at our heart.



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Read 1 Corinthians 10:8-12; vs 8 is speaking of a specific incident in Israel's History. Balaam had caused the people of Israel to fall into sin. **(Numbers 23,24,25:1-9 and 31:15)**. At first glance, Balaam appears to be a Man of God. However upon closer inspection one will see that he had a "heart issue". (His "treasure" was in the wrong place). In chapters 23-24, he was hired to curse Israel. Instead he blessed Israel.(So good so far, right?). Not so much. According to 2 Peter 2:15; and Numbers 31:15,16 Satan found a way to use Balaam to get Israel to sin. **Balaam refused to curse Israel, but was willing to expose Israel's weakness...idolatry.** Which leads us back to 1 Corinthians 10:12; "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall".

The above verse is a warning to all of us and sums up the first 11 verses of the chapter.

What do you think this verse means in light of the story of Balaam?

What does this show you of the strategy of Satan?

Read Psalm 139:23,24; Have you asked God to show you the wickedness that "might" be lingering in you?

*Note: Fact is everyone of us are prone to a certain sin. However we need to be careful in all areas of our life. If Satan can't trap you in one way, **you can bet he will try and get you another way.**

Have you ever felt **over-confident** and it led to a downfall? (see 1 Corinthians 10:12; that's what this is talking about).

Don't ignore history. learn from other's mistakes. Read the bible.



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Day 3

Read 1 Corinthians 10:12,13; "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall....."

*to heed: pay careful attention to

Read James 1:14-27;

"....each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed."

What are the desires of your heart?

What 3 things are we to heed in vs. 19?

**Each morning everyone of us looks into the mirror to see what we need to fix before we start our day. If you are a guy you might need some shaving done, or you comb your hair. If you are a woman you might throw on some make-up or whatever. But how many of us look into the mirror of our soul?

Read Hebrews 4:12,13; This is the passage that tells us in a round about way, that as we are reading the bible, the bible is reading us. James 1:21-25 uses a similar example.

What do you take from these passages?

What are you doing with the implanted word? Are you a forgetful hearer? When you get to work and are around your peers, do you blend in "with the world" and become one of them? **Remember: "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"**



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Read 1 Samuel 9:27-10:9; Most of us when we think of King Saul, we think of the guy who tried to kill David, and we remember how the Lord took the Kingdom from him and gave it to a shepherd boy. We think of how this man was displeasing to the Lord. But this was not always so.

*Take note to verse 9 of chapter 10. What does this verse tell you?

Read 1 Samuel 31:1-6; How did Saul get to this Point?

Read 1 Samuel 15:22-28 (*vs' 22,23);

How does the warning "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12) apply to this story?

Where did Saul go wrong?

Besides not throwing spears at people (1 Sam. 18:10,11) what can you learn from Saul's mistakes?

Search yourself today, ask God to help, to see if there is any wicked way in you. Look for things that can go unnoticed. Like bitterness, anger, jealousy, envy, hatred and the like.



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Day 5

Have you ever heard of sayings like.. "watch your back", or "have eyes in the back of your head"? As Christians we are not to allow the past to dictate our futures, but we are to look to the past in guidance for the future. In other words we are to "press forward" in Christ while looking to the past (others past victories and defeats as well as our own) for encouragement.

Read Romans 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6,11 and Philippians 3:12-14;

What happened in your past, that you clearly know it was God at work?

What can you learn from your past mistakes?

What about the mistakes or wrongs others did to you in the past?

The point is: Use your life (it's victories, and failures, including the lives of people in your life) as a study guide for the future. Philippians 2:12-16, instructs us to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling". God has given us all we need to live a victorious life in Him. We have:

1. Prayer
2. the Scriptures (including the stories that were written for us to learn from)
3. the H.S. to guide us into Truth (for all who will hear Him)
4. Our past, and the lives of those around us to glean from
5. and our brothers and sisters in Christ as a strength to us

Are you willing to submit yourself to God? Allowing Him to work in you? YOU are a LIGHT on a hill and are NOT meant to be put under a basket. Therefore move forward in Him and let your light so shine before men. This won't be easy, but you have all you need. If you need help, don't forget to ask God and ask the church for it.