
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"Standing Guard"

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1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Introduction: As we continue our journey through 1 Corinthians, Paul is still focused on decision making regarding questionable things.

1. As we closed our study last week, Paul pointed out his practice of self-discipline.
2. He did not want to be disqualified from ministry as a result of carelessness.
3. As we come to chapter 10, Paul builds on this example, but he changes the focus from himself to Israel.
4. There is a principle in scripture: "To whom much is given, much will be required." – Luke 12:48
5. Israel had been given much in the way of spiritual advantage.
6. Instead of recognizing and appreciating that advantage, they were careless.
7. Paul uses that carelessness to challenge us as followers of Christ to live an "on-guard" life.

I. Because Others Have Fallen

A. Israel's Advantage

B. Israel's Carelessness

C. Israel's Outcome

II. Because You Can Fall

A. The Root Of Failure

B. The Recipe For Success

Conclusion: There is nothing new here.

1. Anyone familiar with the Bible knows the people of God often fail, and we are not immune.
2. You would think that knowledge would result in an on-guard kind of life.
3. I suspect more believers are careless than cautious.
4. It's the log/spec reality in action, the result being an inflated sense of self.
5. Proverbs teaches pride goes before a fall.
6. In contrast, as we humble ourselves before God, He will lift us up!
7. Because this is true:
 - Reject carelessness.
 - Reject feelings of superiority.
 - Maintain humility/dependency on God.
8. In this way you'll always be in a position where God can and will use you!