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Instructions to the Church

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

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1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

So, if you think you are standing firm,
be careful that you don't fall!

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1 Corinthians 10:1 (NIV) For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

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1 Corinthians 10:11 (NIV) These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

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***“Warning, evil lies ahead!
Do not travel alone!”***

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I. God's Examples from the Past. vs.7-10

A. The Example of Idolatry v.7

1 Corinthians 10:7 (NIV) Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."

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Exodus 32:8 (NIV) They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

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Idolatry- Devotion to the created in place of the Creator.

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Exodus 20:3-6 (NIV) ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God...

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I. God's Examples from the Past. vs.7-10

B. The Example of Fornication v.8

1 Corinthians 10:8 (NIV) We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did--and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

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Numbers 25:3 (NIV) So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them.

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Matthew 5:28-30 (NIV) ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

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Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV) ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. ⁵ Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

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C. The Example of Testing God v.9

1 Corinthians 10:9 (NIV) We should not test the Lord, as some of them did--and were killed by snakes.

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C. The Example of Testing God v.9

Numbers 21:5 (NIV) they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

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D. The Example of Grumbling v.10

1 Corinthians 10:10 (NIV) And do not grumble, as some of them did--and were killed by the destroying angel.

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D. The Example of Grumbling v.10

Numbers 16:11 (NIV) It is against the Lord that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?"

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II. God's Encouragement for the Future. v.13

A. The Encouragement of Similarities v.13a

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.

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Hebrews 12:1-12 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him

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endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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⁵ And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as

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sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.

How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

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¹⁰ Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

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B. The Encouragement of an Escape v.13b

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.



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