

# Church Purity in a Polluted Culture

## Where Your Treasure Is...

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-22

**1 Corinthians 8:9-13:** *Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. 12 When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.*

Paul is giving \_\_\_\_\_ to illustrate his line of thought on \_\_\_\_\_.

God provided for their physical nourishment in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, spiritual ways so that only He would receive the glory.

...it was not some legendary boulder that followed Israel in their wanderings, but it was the pre-existent, pre-incarnate Messiah, it was the Lord Jesus Christ

**1 Corinthians 10:6, 11:** *Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did... 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.*

These are \_\_\_\_\_ statements indicating that the history of Israel and indeed all of Biblical history had a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Corinthian believers, and they have a purpose for \_\_\_\_\_.

Verses 7-10 practically list 4 areas of sin that God's people were punished for:

- Idolatry
- Sexual Immorality
- Testing the Lord
- Grumbling

**1 Timothy 6:6-7:** *But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

**James 1:2-4:** *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13:** *So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 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.*

Idolatry is defined in 2 ways:

1. the worship of a physical object as a god –
2. immoderate attachment or devotion to something

**Ezekiel 14:3:** *"Son of man, these men have set up idols **in their hearts** and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces."*

Idolatry is a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_. – Above all else, guard your \_\_\_\_\_, for it is the wellspring of \_\_\_\_\_.

Flee from \_\_\_\_\_. Be careful with your \_\_\_\_\_, especially if you are standing firm, be \_\_\_\_\_ that you do not fall.