

## **The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians**

### **No Temptation is Too Strong to Endure**

1 Corinthians 10:12-14

1. A Dangerous Presumption (v.12)

The Israelites were plagued by disaster because they did not constantly keep their faithfulness to the Lord as a primary priority. They were foolish to assume a positive outcome of their ordeal because they had experienced God's deliverance (1 Cor. 10:1-11). Jesus' contemporaries likewise were foolish to expect an inheritance in the kingdom of God because of their lineage (cf. Matt. 3:7-10; John 8:39ff). Professing Christians today must not fall into the trap that so many before have fallen into.

2. A Common Temptation (v.13)

The areas of temptation are the same as they have always been (cf. Gen. 3:1-7; 1 Jn. 2:16). While different people may experience different levels of the same temptation (cf. James 1:14), the temptations themselves are nothing out of the ordinary. The devil attempted to cause Jesus to sin but He endured the entire ordeal without sinning (Luke 4:1ff; Heb. 4:15).

3. A Provided Endurance (v.13)

Our God is faithful in all that He does (cf. Heb. 10:23; 1 Pet. 4:19). He has promised that these temptations that we encounter which is too great for us to withstand. The promise is that every experience of temptation can result in a victorious display of holy obedience and endurance (cf. Heb. 13:7).

4. A Necessary Flight (v.14)

There is no spiritual benefit to needlessly expose oneself to circumstances or environments that may serve to erode the resolve for righteousness. The wise option is to run away from these circumstances or environments (Gen 39:12; cf. Dan. 1:8).