1 – **Take Heed That You Do Not Fall – Part 3**
1 Corinthians 10:1-12

2 - **“I do not want you to be unaware…”**

3 - **All…** (10:1-4)

1. “**Under the cloud**…” (Exodus 13:21-22; 14:20; Numbers 10:34; 14:14)
2. “**Passed through the sea**…” (Exodus 14:21-22)
3. “**Were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**…”
4. “**Ate the same spiritual food**…” (Exodus 16:15; Nehemiah 9:15)
5. “**Ate the same spiritual drink**…” (Exodus 17:6)

“*Nevertheless, with* ***MOST*** *of them G****od was not well-pleased****; for the were* ***laid low*** *in the wilderness*.” (vs. 5)

**“*These things happened as examples for us*…”** (vs. 6, 11).

4 - **Do Not Be…**

1. **Those who crave evil things… (vs. 6)**
* **How do we avoid**? (Romans 12:21; Philippians 4:8)

5 - **Do Not Be…**

1. **Idolators…**
* **“There is a throne in every man’s heart…”** (J.T. Smith)
* God alone belongs that throne. (Ezekiel 14:3; Matthew 6:33)
* Modern idolatry - Self, money, things, pleasure.

**How to overcome?**

* **Flee from it. (10:14)**
* **Make a choice** (Joshua 24:15) and daily align our life to that choice. (Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:1-2)

**Overcome evil with good**. (Romans 12:21)

6 - **Do Not Be…**

1. **Immoral (fornicators)…**
* **Example of Balaam & the Israelites** (Rev. 2:14; Numbers 25:1-3)
* **Driven by the lusts of the flesh**. (1 John 2:17)

**How do we overcome?**

* **Don’t go there!** (Romans 13:13-14; Matthew 5:27-28; 15:19)
* **Walk no longer**… (1 Peter 4:1-3)
* **Be led by the Spirit** (Romans 8:5-14; Ephesians 5:18)
* **Warning to those who “stand”.** (1 Thess. 4:1-7)
* **What to watch?** (Proverbs 4:23)

7 – **Do Not Be…**

1. **Testers…** (vs. 9; Numbers 21:5ff)
* **“The people became impatient because of the journey.”** (Numbers 21:4)
* **Make God prove Himself to us**. (Matthew 4:4-7; Psalms 91)
* **Walk by sight and not by faith**. (Num. 21:1-5; Exodus 17:1-7; cf., **Gideon** in Joshua 6; Mk. 9:24; Lk. 17:5)

**How do we overcome?**

* **Stems from spiritual (not carnal) focus/dissatisfaction**.
* **Growing our trust in God**. (Romans 8:28; Malachi 3:10)

8 – **Do Not Be…**

1. **Complainers…** (vs. 10, Numbers 14:2, 27; 16:41; 11:1ff)
* **What the Pharisees did**! (Luke 5:30; John 6:41-43, 61)
* **About our temporal circumstances.** (Philippians 4:11;
2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
* **About God’s rule** and authority, about **how difficult** it is and **how unfair** it is. (Job 33:13; Matthew 11:28-30)
* **About worship and service unto God.** (1 John 5:3)
* About **anything God asks us to do**! (Philippians 2:14; 1 Peter 4:9;
2 Corinthians 9:7; 12:9-15)

How do we overcome? Be thankful! (Col. 3:15; Rom. 1:21)

9 - **Therefore…**

***“Let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall… “*** (vs. 12; Hebrews 3:12; 4:11)

* We’re to ***“stand firm”*** (1 Peter 5:12; Phil. 4:1) **in the gospel**. (1 Corinthians 15:1; Romans 5:2)
* Speaks to **our spiritual battle**. (Ephesians 6:10-14)
* **It takes work (and prayer).** (Colossians 4:12)

10 – **Therefore**…

**Don’t think what we face is unique, but rather is “*common to man*”.** (vs. 13)

* **Not to be casual about temptation and sin.** (James 1:15-16)
* **It can happen to any of us at any time! Therefore, be sober and vigilant.** (1 Thess. 5:8; 1 Peter 1:13
* **Jesus was tempted in all ways as we are, yet w/o sin**. (Hebrews 4:14-16; 2:14-18)

11 - **Therefore…**

***“Flee idolatry”,* (10:14)**

***“****Not all things are* ***profitable…*** *not all things* ***edify.”* (10:23)**

***“****Not seeking* ***my own profit,*** *but**the* ***profit of the many, that they may be saved.”* (10:33)**