

Avoiding the Pitfall of Pride

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 Corinthians 10 gives us three lessons on avoiding the pitfall of pride.

Warning: God-given privileges are meant to bless us not inflate us. (vs. 1-4)

Warning: Learn from the mistakes of Israel, who took God's privileges for granted and set themselves up for disaster. (vs. 5-11)

Four major sins:

1. Idolatry (vs. 7)
2. Immorality (vs. 8)
3. Testing God (vs. 9)
4. Grumbling against God (vs. 10)

THE UNFORGETTABLE LESSON (vs. 11-12)

Promise: God will enable us to overcome temptation if we follow His plan. (vs. 12-13)

Five steps to overcoming: (vs. 12- 13)

1. Your pride must go, or you will surely fall into disaster. (vs. 12)
2. Recognize that temptations are common to everyone.
3. When temptation comes, remember that God is faithful.
4. God will not tempt you beyond your ability to resist.
5. God will provide a way of escape so you can bear it.