



## 7 Things That Will Ruin Your Holiday Season

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Text: I Corinthians 10:1-13

Introduction: Christians should love this time of the year! This is a time when people are in the "Christmas Spirit." Paul recognizes that some people are unhappy because they cannot move forward in their faith. He addresses the problem and then offers a solution. His advice could help us get through the holidays. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion :

**I. Bad Intentions Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.6)**

- A. They had a lack of contentment.
- B. They had a lack of love for God.
- C. They had a lack of love for others.
- D. They had a lack of commitment.

**II. Idolatry Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.7)**

- A. Their minds were divided.
- B. Their loyalty was shattered.
- C. Their ingratitude was disturbing.
- D. Their attitude was intolerable.

**III. Immorality Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.8)**

- A. They did not focus on spiritual things.
- B. They did not focus on God.
- C. They did not focus on the influence of others.
- D. They did not focus on having a clear mind.

**IV. Poor Influence Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.9)**

- A. They were not satisfied with what God had given them.
- B. They were not satisfied with daily provisions and blessings.
- C. They were not influencing for good, only evil.
- D. They were not learning from the mistakes of others.

**V. Ignorance Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.10)**

- A. They were complaining about something they no nothing about.
- B. They were giving advice about something they have never done.
- C. They were talking about things that they have never studied.
- D. They were refusing to follow something they had never heard.

**VI. Indifference Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (vs11-12)**

- A. They should have learned from their ancestors mistakes.
- B. They should have learned from their own mistakes.
- C. They should have ignored the majority.
- D. They should have been admonished by the truth.

**VII. Lack of Instruction Will Ruin Your Holiday Season (v.13)**

- A. They did not know that God sees the common plight of man.
- B. They did not know that God is faithful.
- C. They did not know that God provided a better covenants/laws.
- D. They did not know that God gives us the strength to endure.

Conclusion : If we study the Bible we will be better prepared for eternity. If we surround ourselves with things of a spiritual nature we will be less likely to become worldly. Remember that God is with us! Are you faithfully serving the Lord? Are you filled with the Spirit?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "GOD"**