

1 John 1:8 “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Growing up my grandparents on my dad’s side had a very nice house on the desert in Lake Havasu, Arizona. It was so nice that Arnold Schwarzenegger owned the house next door (No, I never saw him). It had a beautiful home with a cactus garden, swimming pool, two courtyard fountains and a view of the entire city that lit up at night as it was up in the hills.

I have so many memories of going there during the summer and spending all day in the swimming pool as it would get to almost 120 degrees in the late summer temperatures. My grandparents would spoil my brother and me rotten and fill the refrigerators with RC Cola, Sprite, Cherry Coke and all the snacks and treats my parents would not let us eat at home. It was heaven on earth.

One of the very few rules they gave us was no leaving food out; it had to be put away or thrown away as there were a lot of desert insects that would be attracted to the food.

One day, my younger brother left a bag of chips on the floor of the guest house and went out swimming. A few hours later, we came back into the house and saw a massive line of ants from the vent on the floor to the bag of chips. The ants were working tirelessly to carry the chips, one by one, back to their nest. We ended up grabbing the vacuum and sucking all the ants and chips up. We wiped down the floor and never told our parents or grandparents. We never left food out again.

I think many times we can look at God’s boundaries in the same way. We don’t always understand the reasoning behind why God gives us certain directions so we don’t respect them like we should. This can lead to big problems if we don’t trust him. How many times have we dismissed a clear directive or request from the Holy Spirit only to realize after the fact that there was a very clear reason. We find “ants” have invaded our lives all because of a failure to truth and believe. We can let bad habits and sin into our life all because we don’t heed the Lord in the first place.

Let’s prayerfully consider what this simple lesson can teach us about our relationship to our God and His boundaries and guidance.

I love you and God loves you!

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