

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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Chapter 6:12-6:20

Verse of the Day:

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Co 6:20).

Review: Who, What, When, Where, Why?

What's Going On Here?

Continuing his discussion of Christian morality in an immoral society, Paul speaks first of the Corinthians' readiness to take one another to court. Instead of settling differences among themselves, brother went to [court] against brother before unbelieving judges. This, Paul contends, is inconsistent with the high status of Christians. Underlying these practices is the failure of the Corinthians to realize that as people set apart by saving faith, they can no longer make common cause with any form of pagan immorality. Proceeding to sins of the body, Paul condemns sexual promiscuity because it profanes the body, which the Holy Spirit has honored as His sanctuary. As people wholly redeemed by Christ, let Christians glorify God also in their bodies.¹

<p>Flee Sexual Immorality ¹²“<u>All things are lawful for me,</u>” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“<u>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food</u>”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The <u>body is not meant</u> for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵<i>Do you not know</i> that your bodies are <u>members</u> of Christ? Shall I then take the <u>members</u> of Christ and make them <u>members</u> of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or <i>do you not know</i> that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes <u>one body with her</u>? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or <i>do you not know</i> that your body is a <u>temple</u> of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.</p>	<p>v12: c.f. 1 Corinthians 10:23–24</p> <p>How does v14 illustrate God's regard for the human body?</p> <p>v15: <i>melos</i> – member/part/limb/a part as member of a whole</p> <p>“Not only was prostitution legal in Paul’s day, but it was socially acceptable for men to have sexual relations both with boys and with prostitutes.”²</p> <p>v16: c.f. Genesis 2:24 & Matthew 19:4–6</p> <p>v17: c.f. Zechariah 2:10–11</p> <p>v18: Why is sinning against your own body so dangerous?</p> <p>v20b: What are some ways you can do this?</p>
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¹ Engfehr, Lois M. (1997). *God's Word for Today: 1 Corinthians* (p. 31). St. Louis: Concordia Pub. House. Reproducible by purchaser only. © 2009 Concordia Publishing House.

² Lockwood, G. J. (2000). *1 Corinthians* (p. 213). Saint Louis: Concordia Pub. House.