



1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

Christian Answers to Real Life

PROTECTING AND PRESERVING PURITY

In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul challenges the church to confront sin in order to protect, preserve, and promote the purity of the church.

In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul continues to address how the church is to regard and confront sin.



MAY I SUE ANOTHER CHRISTIAN?

1 Corinthians 6:1-8 (CEV)

¹ When one of you has a complaint against another, do you take your complaint to a court of sinners? Or do you take it to God's people? ² Don't you know that God's people will judge the world? And if you are going to judge the world, can't you settle small problems? ³ Don't you know that we will judge angels? And if that is so, **we can surely judge everyday matters.**



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1 Corinthians 6:1-8 (CEV)

4 Why do you take everyday complaints to judges who are not respected by the church? **5** I say this to your shame. **Aren't any of you wise enough to act as a judge between one follower and another?** **6** Why should one of you take another to be tried by unbelievers?



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1 Corinthians 6:1-8 (CEV)

7 When one of you takes another to court, all of you lose. **It would be better to let yourselves be cheated and robbed.** **8** But instead, you cheat and rob other followers.



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Examples:

1. Bro. Struggling borrowed \$3,500.00 from Bro. Comfortable promising to pay it in 60 days, but he didn't.
2. Sis. Traveler rented a room from Bro. and Sis. Elderly. She moved out and didn't pay the last month rent and utilities.
3. Bro. I. M. Moving borrowed a pick up truck from Sis. Karr Dealer. He returns it with a scratch and a dent.

FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 6:1-8 tells us that:

1. There should be people in the church mature enough to settle our disputes.
2. If we cannot settle disputes within the church, we should consider suffering the loss.

Only after these alternatives have been exhausted, as a last resort we may consider seeking secular courts.



SIN KEEPS YOU OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (CEV)

9 Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is **immoral** or **worships idols** or is **unfaithful in marriage** or is a **pervert** or **behaves like a homosexual**
10 will share in God's kingdom. Neither will any **thief** or **greedy person** or **drunkard** or **anyone who curses** and **cheats others**.



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1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV)

¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



A GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Paul now gives us a spiritual principle to live by.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but **not all things are helpful.**

“All things are lawful for me,” but **I will not be dominated by anything.**

When in doubt, ask these two questions:

1. Is this helpful (beneficial)?
If not beneficial, avoid it.

2. Is this addictive?
If addictive, avoid it.

IS CASUAL INTIMACY OK FOR A CHRISTIAN?

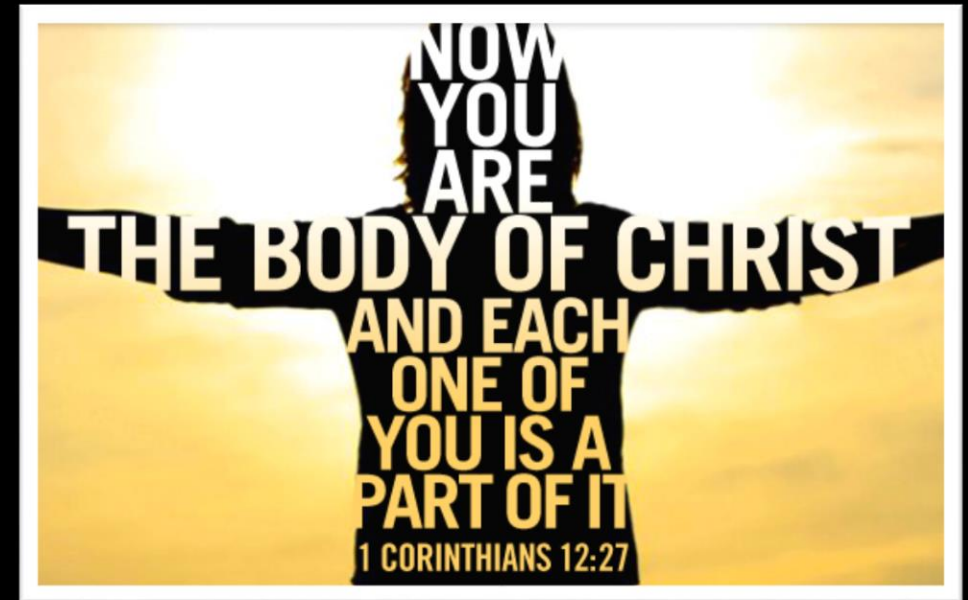
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (CEV)

¹² Some of you say, "We can do anything we want to." But I tell you that not everything is good for us. So I refuse to let anything have power over me. ¹³ You also say, "Food is meant for our bodies, and our bodies are meant for food." But I tell you that God will destroy them both. **We are not supposed to do indecent things with our bodies. We are to use them for the Lord who is in charge of our bodies.** ¹⁴ God will raise us from death by the same power that he used when he raised our Lord to life.

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1 Corinthians 5:9-13

¹⁵ Don't you know that **your bodies are part of the body of Christ**? Is it right for me to join part of the body of Christ to a prostitute? No, it isn't! ¹⁶ Don't you know that a man who does that becomes part of her body? The Scriptures say, "The two of them will be like one person." ¹⁷ But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one in spirit with him.



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¹⁸ Don't be immoral in matters of sex. That is a sin against your own body in a way that no other sin is.

¹⁹ You surely know that **your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives**. The Spirit is in you and is a gift from God. You are no longer your own. ²⁰ God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God.



WALKING IN PURITY

All sin is harmful, but Paul says here that when we are Christians, sexual immorality is especially harmful to us and offensive to God.



Living TRUTH

As much as possible, issues among Christians should be settled within the church.



THE LETTERS OF PAUL

TRUTH *Living*

Seek to do only things that are beneficial and avoid things that are addictive.



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Living TRUTH

Stay clean



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