

# Studies in 1 Corinthians

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## Lesson XVIII: *The World's Way vs. God's Way*

**TEXT:** 1 Cor. 6:11-20 (NLT)

**9** Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, **10** or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. **11** Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**12** You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. **13** You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. **14** And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead.

**15** Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! **16** And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one."<sup>[a]</sup> **17** But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

**18** Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. **19** Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, **20** for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

### Footnotes:

a. 1 Corinthians 6:16: *Gen 2:24.*

## Questions for Thought & Discussion

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1. Verses 9-10 Paul lists several sinful lifestyles—lifestyles that can prevent a person from experiencing eternal, abundant life in God’s Kingdom. What if someone *you* knew found him or herself on that list—would there be any hope? Explain how (see vs.11).
2. What messages from the popular culture were “fooling” (vs. 9b) the Corinthian Christians into believing that these worldly behaviors were acceptable? ( vv. 12-13) How does Paul counter each saying?
3. How does the attitude of the ancient Corinthian sayings compare with the conventional wisdom of our own time? (see also Galatians 6:7-8; 1 John 3:7-8)
4. What is the promise of verse 14 and how does it fit in with the larger discussion?
5. What is the smartest way to deal with sin of the kind that Paul mentions in verses 15-20?