Gospel Meeting

Adam Willingham · 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

INTRODUCTION

- This lesson I think will be applicable to all of us, married or unmarried. Purity in our relationships.
- Paul explains in this section, no, fornication is not some optional thing in the eyes of God. It's absolutely wrong and sinful.
- It's important that we not only understand that fornication is wrong, but that we know why it is wrong.

1 All Things Are Lawful for Me

1 Corinthians 6:12

- Certainly Paul taught all things are lawful, but that was within a certain context. And it deals with matters of liberty, matters which God has not commanded or forbidden.
- Even of things that are lawful by God, that doesn't mean that it's profitable for yourself and for all involved.
- Of all things that can master a person, lust and the sexual sins can make a person a slave worse than anything.
- And it is not God's will to be mastered by anything.

2 The Body Is Not for Immorality but for the Lord

1 Corinthians 6:13

- It seems the Corinthians were arguing that, hey, that's what the body is intended for. It's for fornication.
- The body is not for immorality. Actually, that's not natural. What is the body for? It is for the Lord.
- That means it is fitted for the Lord. It is purposed for the Lord. It is intended for the Lord.
- Not only is the body for the Lord, but the Lord is for the body. Which means that He intends to use our body for His purposes.

3 God Will Also Raise Us Up

1 Corinthians 6:14; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Corinthians 15:50–52

- Our body's going to be destroyed just the same. So, what does it really matter what we do in this body?
- Paul's response to this is we will be raised from the dead. Just like Jesus Christ.
- What you do in this body matters after this life is over. Because your body will be risen from the dead.
- So, no excuse will work with God. God will not be mocked.

4 Unity With a Prostitute Voids Unity With Christ

1 Corinthians 6:15–17; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Genesis 2:24

- To do so is not only physical fornication, it is spiritual adultery.

- Fornication makes a man united. One flesh with a prostitute, but the Christian is united, one spirit with Christ.
- In order to make yourself a member with a prostitute, you have to be removed from the body of Jesus Christ.

5 Fornication Is a Sin Against the Body

1 Corinthians 6:18; Matthew 5:27–28

- How do you overcome fornication? Do you stand there like a man and resist it? You flee.
- Don't just keep it at bay, but remove yourself far from it.
- What you got to do is you got to avoid that which leads to the fornication, which is the lust.
- Other sins may damage the body, but fornication and fornication alone desecrates the body.

6 The Body Belongs to God

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

- If your body is a temple intended for the Lord's purposes, then that means it is a place of holiness.
- Your body is something you are borrowing from the Lord. You do not own it.
- What is the price that God has paid? It is the death of Jesus.
- This means to use your body in such a way that everyone sees that your body belongs to the Lord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you glorify God in your body?**

MY NOTES