

**the book of
1st
Corinthians**
**Thursday Morning
Bible Class**
1 Corinthians 6:12-7:24

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Flee Sexual Immorality – 6:12-20

- † 12 – Paul has just warned the Corinthians that living in sin is incompatible with the Christian faith. Now he tackles legal prostitution.
- † Paul is confronting the Greek philosophy that what one does with his body has no bearing on one's spiritual existence. A person is free to do as he pleases.

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- † 12 – The problem? The Gospel seems to say the same thing: we are freed from bondage to the Law.
- † BUT! – We may be freed from the law, but not everything is expedient or helpful.
- † Freedom *from* sin does not mean freedom *to* sin. Paul refuses to be enslaved by any sin.

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- † 13 – Another slogan: “Food is for the stomach . . .” All foods could be eaten, but the freedom to satisfy one’s hunger was not the same as freedom to satisfy one’s sexual appetite!
- † Fornication is not a proper use of one’s body. The use of the body is meant for the Lord. It is His possession. He is Lord over the body.

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- † 14 – As Jesus was raised, so will our bodies be raised and be in eternal fellowship with Him.
- † 15 – Our bodies are united with Christ’s body, made up of all believers. To join your body with a prostitute affects the whole body of Christ. It connects Christ to a prostitute.

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- † 16 – When one joins to another, you become one body – the two become one. And if they are united together, so is Christ!
- † 17 – We are already united with Christ in baptism.
- † 18 – Therefore, shun immorality.
- † 19 – Through baptism, our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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Principles for Marriage – 7:1-7

- † 1 – Questions sent to Paul by letter:
- † The first question is in regard to marriage. Was marriage sinful and should be avoided?
- † 2 – Celibacy is good, but in view of all the temptations, it is preferable to be married.
- † 3-4 – Even married couples cannot achieve total abstinence.

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- † 5 – For couples to refuse one another is contrary to the oneness of marriage.
- † 6-7 – Paul prefers celibacy, but that is a gift, and not everyone has that gift.

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Widows and Widowers – 7:8-9

- † 8 – For those who are single, Paul's first option is that they remain that way.
- † 9 – But not many have that gift of self-control, so they should marry rather than "burn" with passion.

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To the Married – 7:10-11

- † **10-11 – To the married – stay that way. This is God’s command. But if divorce happens, stay single or go back to the 1st husband.**
- † **(Note: Paul is not married as he wrote this, but he may have been earlier. Either he was a widower or his wife left him after his conversion.)**

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Mixed Marriages – 7:12-16

- † **12-13 – To the one married to a non-believer, Paul’s advice is the same: stay that way, as long as the unbelieving spouse agrees.**
- † **14 – A Christian may have felt that he/she was somehow degraded by being married to a non-believer. But no, the unbeliever is “sanctified” by the believing partner – made acceptable to join the Christian community. Same with kids.**

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- † **15 – If the unbeliever wants to separate, so be it. Don’t fight to keep them. It only leads to strife.**
- † **16 – Think of the long-range consequences. Your actions may play a part in converting your non-Christian partner.**

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Live As You Are Called – 7:17-24

- † 17 – Be content in whatever role one finds himself. God has called you to that role.
- † 18 – To illustrate: If one is a Jew when converted or a Gentile, don't seek to change.
- † 19 – In Christ, outward signs mean nothing. Just live your faith.

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- † 20 – In whatever station you find yourself, you are where God wants you to be.
- † 21 – One's social position is also of no consequence. If a slave, you are still free in Christ.
- † 22 – In the kingdom of Christ, there is neither slave nor free. But we are "slaves" to Christ.

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- † 23 – How did we become free/slaves of Christ? He purchased us by his blood. If you serve Christ, then what you do for others is inconsequential.
- † 24 – Be satisfied with where God has placed you, and serve Him.

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