

Messy

Part Seven: *sexual immorality*

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In the first half of chapter six, Paul shames the Corinthians for suing their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a secular court controlled by non-Christians instead of settling their disputes in their church.

• **In the second half of chapter six, Paul tells the Corinthians they should honor God with their bodies.**

The Corinthians used their freedom in Christ to rationalize their sinful thinking and behavior. So, in the second half of chapter six, Paul shows the Corinthians how they should view their bodies.

1st - Paul reminded the Corinthians that not everything is good for their bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:12a

A Christian is allowed do anything they want to do because every sin a Christian commits has already been forgiven by God. But not everything is good for a Christian. The unprofitable action Paul has in mind here is sexual immorality. Sexual immorality is any type of sex outside the will of God. Sexual sin never delivers what it promises. It only causes pain and loss.

2nd - Paul warned the Corinthians that sin could enslave them. Vs. 12b

The Corinthians believed they were in control of their bodies because they could do anything they wanted to do with their bodies. But the Corinthians were just deceiving themselves. They were not in control of their bodies; their bodies were controlling them!

3rd – Paul explained to the Corinthians their bodies were made to serve the Lord. Vs. 13-14

Our bodies were designed not only to serve in this life but in the life to come. They will be changed bodies, resurrected, and glorified, but they will still be our own bodies (Phil. 3:20-21).

4th – Paul told the Corinthians their bodies are part of Christ. Vs. 15-17

Jesus is the head of the church, which is His spiritual body on earth, and Christians make up the spiritual body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5). A Christian brings Jesus into an unholy union when they commit sexual sin.

5th – Paul commanded the Corinthians to run from sexual sin. Vs. 18a

The literally Greek phrase Paul uses in verse 18 is, “Run and keep running from sexual sin until the danger is past.” Paul wants Christians to make it their habit to run from sexual immorality whenever the devil tempts them with it.

6th - Paul gave the Corinthians three reasons they should run from sexual sin.

Reason #1: A Christian should run from sexual sin because it affects their entire body. Vs. 18

Reason #2: A Christian should run from sexual sin because their body is a temple. Vs. 19a

Reason #3: A Christian should run from sexual sin because their body belongs to God. Vs. 19b-20

Today's lesson is...

A Christian's body has one supreme purpose – to honor God!