

## **1 Corinthians**

### **Sexual Immorality—1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

Topics: Adultery, Body, Desires, Holy Spirit, Immorality, Lust, Marriage, Maturity, Morality, Sex, Sin, Singleness, Slavery, Temptation, Weakness.

#### **Open It**

1. In what ways do Americans typically mistreat their bodies?
2. In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges to sexual purity in our society?

#### **1 Corinthians 6:12–20 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>**“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.**

<sup>13</sup>**“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.**

<sup>14</sup>**And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.**

<sup>15</sup>**Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!**

<sup>16</sup>**Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”**

<sup>17</sup>**But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.**

<sup>18</sup>**Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.**

<sup>19</sup>**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,**

<sup>20</sup>**for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

#### **Explore It**

3. For what are our bodies meant? (6:13)
4. What promise is given to Christians because God raised Jesus from the dead? (6:14)
5. What’s wrong with sex outside of marriage? (6:15–16)
6. Why is it not possible to be one with both Christ and a prostitute? (6:15–17)
7. \*What does it mean to be one with Christ in spirit? (6:17)
8. \*How is sexual immorality different from other sins? (6:18)
9. How are Christians’ bodies unique? (6:19–20)

#### **Get It**

10. How should we treat our bodies if they are actually temples of the Holy Spirit?
11. How do advertising and other media encourage wrong attitudes about our bodies?
12. How does sexually uniting with someone outside of marriage affect a person?

#### **Apply It**

13. In what settings or situations should you take precautions against sexual immorality? How?