

- 1 Corinthians 6:11: “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”
 - When were they washed, sanctified, justified?
 - You were some of these things. But then you were washed, sanctified, justified. So what’s the point?
- May a thing may be lawful for me to do or participate in, but not helpful?
- If a thing is lawful for me to do but it will be enslaving or addicting, should I do it?



Memory Trip

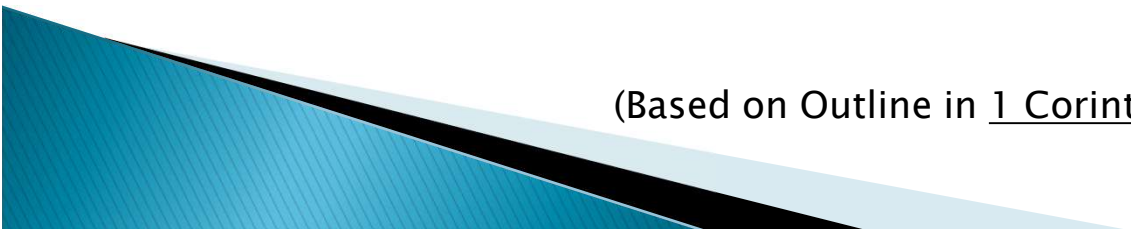
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Outline of 1 Corinthians

- I. Greetings (1:1–3)
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- III. Addressing the problem of factions (1:10–4:21)
- IV. **Addressing problems of morality (5:1–6:20)**
- V. Answers to questions concerning marriage (7:1–40)
- VI. The proper use of liberties (8:1–11:1)
- VII. Addressing problems relating to worship (11:2–14:40)
- VIII. The resurrection (15:1–58)
- IX. Instruction regarding the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem, including Paul's planned visit (16:1–9)
- X. Concluding remarks (16:10–24)

(Based on Outline in 1 Corinthians, a Study by Mike Willis, 1996, p.vii)




1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. {13} Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. {14} And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.


{15} 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 harlot? Certainly not! {16} Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” {17} But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

{18} Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. {19} Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? {20} For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”



1 Corinthians 7:1–9

“Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. {2} Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. {3} Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. {4} The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. {5} Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. {6} But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. {7} For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. {8} But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; {9} but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.”



Take Aways

- ▶ At least three principles in this context that have wider applicability to more than just fornication. These principles should govern the use of our bodies in order for God to be glorified:
 - Helpful rather than detrimental
 - Self-control rather than passion-controlled
 - God-ruled rather than sin-ruled

- ▶ The wisdom of the world is: “It’s my body and I can do with it what I want to.”
 - The truth: Our bodies are not ours to do with however we wish
 - We have been saved that we may glorify God in our body and in our spirit

