



# AS WE BUILD...

6:12-20

WE MUST USE  
OUR BODIES TO  
GLORIFY GOD

Let's remember the warning we left off with in our last study from **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**:

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

With that in mind, picking back up in **6:12**...

<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

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ In **6:12**, we read, “All things are lawful for me.” What do you think is meant by that statement?
- ▶ What might be indicated by the quotation marks in **6:12** and **6:13**?
- ▶ Why would maturity take a principle like “all things are lawful for me” and attach it to the recognition that “not all things are helpful” (**6:12**)?
- ▶ In what way can a “lawful” thing “enslave” or “dominate” a child of God? Does that happen today?
- ▶ What does Paul mean when he teaches us that the body is meant “for the Lord, and the Lord for the body” (**6:13**)? What sort of perspective is he encouraging us to have in this verse?

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.

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- Why do you think Paul brings up the idea of the resurrection in **6:14**?
- In what way are our bodies “members of Christ” (**6:15**)? How will consistently reminding ourselves of that fact help us to glorify God with our bodies?
- What Old Testament statement is Paul citing in **6:16**, and why would he reference it?
- What should we make of **6:17**? What does it mean to be “joined to the Lord” and become “one spirit with him”?
- In your own words, summarize the Spirit’s admonition in **6:18-20**.
- Glorifying God in my body looks like...
- We are “saints under construction,” so what do we need to remember from **6:12-20**?