



THE DANGERS OF SEXUAL SIN

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

EXAMPLES

- It is my life and I will do what I please ...
- We are not hurting anyone ...
- We are both consenting adults ...
- What happens in private is our business ...
- Don't force your old-fashioned values on me ...

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A POPULAR SAYING

- *“All things are lawful for me ...”* (6:12, ESV)
 - *“I’m allowed to do anything ...”* (6:12, NLT)

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THEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT FOR SIN

- **We are free in Christ:** *“For freedom Christ has set us free ... For you were called to freedom, brothers”* (Gal 5:1, 13)
- **We are under grace, not law:** *“For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace”* (Rom 6:14)
- **We are saved by grace, not works:** *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast”* (Eph 2:8-9)

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ROMANS 6:1-4

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (ESV)

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PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENT FOR SIN

“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” (1 Cor 6:13)

- Greek Philosophy considered everything physical (like the body) evil and of no value.
- Things done by the body didn't matter.
 - Food was food, stomach was stomach, sex was sex.

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-14

“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. ‘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. And God ...”

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:14-16

“raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 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! 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 ...’”

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:16-19

“‘one flesh.’ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are ...”

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A man in profile, wearing glasses and a dark shirt, carries a large wooden cross on his shoulders. He is walking towards the right. The background is a dramatic sky with a bright sunburst effect in the center, transitioning from a warm orange glow at the bottom to a clear blue sky with white clouds at the top. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual journey.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

“not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (ESV)

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SIN IS HARMFUL

*“All things are lawful for me,’ but not
all things are helpful” (6:12^a)*

A person is seen from the side, carrying a large wooden cross on their back. The person is walking towards the right. The background is a dramatic sky with a bright sun setting or rising, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with warm, golden light. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top. The overall mood is one of solemnity and purpose.

NOT ALL THINGS ARE “HELPFUL” (*sympherō*)

- Literally, to bring together.
- Advantageous, to bring benefit, good for you.

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SEXUAL IMMORALITY (*porneia*)

- Unchastity, immorality, fornication.
 - ***Porneia*** includes sex outside of marriage, pornography, affairs, lustful thoughts, and anything else that cheapens or redefines what God originally created sex to be.

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DESTRUCTIVENESS OF SEXUAL SIN

- It destroys marriages & relationships
- It shatters homes
- It causes heartache
- It causes disease
- It causes financial disaster
- Sexual sin destroys more lives than alcohol & drugs combined

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SEXUAL SIN IS THE CAUSE OF

- Lying
- Cheating
- Stealing
- Bitterness
- Hatred
- Slander
- Gossip
- Unforgiveness
- Murder

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SIN IS CONTROLLING

“All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be dominated by anything”

(6:12^b)

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DOMINATED (*exousiazō*)

- To be controlled by the influence of another, to be mastered, dominated.

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-5

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor.”

(ESV)

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SIN IS DISRUPTING

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power” (6:13-15)

A person is seen from the side, carrying a large wooden cross on their back. The person is walking towards the right. The background is a dramatic sky with blue and orange clouds, and a bright light source, possibly the sun, is visible behind the person, creating a silhouette effect. The overall mood is contemplative and solemn.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18

“Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.” (ESV)

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HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

- Sexual sin (of all types) affects ...
 - A person's self-worth
 - Their relationship with others
 - Their relationship with God
- Sexual sin violates the sacredness of your body.

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TWO CONCISE STATEMENTS

- *“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God”* (19)
- *“For you were bought with a price”* (20)

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TWO CLEAR COMMANDS

- *“Flee from sexual immorality”* (18)
- *“So glorify God in your body”* (20)

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EIGHT REASONS NOT TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL IMMORALITY

- It is not helpful to you, the church, or anyone around you (12, 18)
- We are not to be dominated by anything (12)
- Our bodies are not meant for immorality (13)
- Our bodies will be resurrected (14)
- Our bodies are members of Christ's body (13, 15)
- Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (19)
- Our bodies are not our own—we were bought with a price (19-20)
- We are meant to glorify God with our bodies (20)

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

“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, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 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.”

(ESV)

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Sexual sin harms everyone involved,
it gains control over those who practice it,
and it disrupts God's purposes for your life.