

# 1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 16

## Chapter 6: Don't You Know?

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In this chapter, Paul charged the believers at Corinth with wrongdoing (vss 1, 5, 7, 8).

Though they are wrongdoers, they are still washed, sanctified, and justified (vs 11). They will go to heaven by the merits of Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. No amount of wrongdoing can undo Christ's cross-work. Wrongdoing affects rewards and blessings; it doesn't affect salvation.

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- Vs 1** Paul rebuked these believers, not for having disputes among themselves (that is normal), but for going outside the word of God to try to settle their disputes (that is illogical).
- Vs 2** Christian fellowship is most often ruined by the smallest matters. These matters should be dealt with biblically, not through worldly means.
- Vs 3-4** The “**least esteemed**” member of the church is able to judge “**things pertaining to this life.**” It doesn't require a Theological degree to know what is right and what is wrong according to the Bible.
- Vs 5-6** Christians know that unsaved men are incapable of right judgment. That's why it's an odd thing to see them take their matters to unsaved lawyers and judges to be resolved. It's shameful.
- Vs 7** It is better to take wrongdoing from the brethren rather than to allow the infraction or mistreatment to become a point of contention or hostility towards each other. We must learn to swallow our pride and not be too easily offended (“take wrong”). Remember the wrong that the Lord took for us!
- Vs 8** Paul's rebuke is for the wrongdoer as well as the recipient of the wrongdoing who won't forgive a brother or sister. Don't defraud your brethren. Don't hold a grudge. Be quick to forgive. Do your part to maintain the peace (Romans 12:18).
- Vs 9-10** Paul lists the various sins that will cause you to lose some inheritance if you don't repent and live right. Included in this list of sinners are the “effeminate” (men acting like women) and “abusers of themselves with mankind (the passive party in the homosexual relationship).
- Vs 11** “**Such WERE some of you!**” Those sins are in the past tense. Any category of sinner is able to get saved. We ought to witness to every sort of sinner we see. Don't discriminate. Once a person repents of their sin and receives Christ as their Savior, they are washed, sanctified, and justified.
- Washed from sins by the blood of Christ.
  - Sanctified: separated from sin, set apart for service to God.
  - Justified: Your sins are pardoned, and you are accepted as righteous, and will be treated as such on account of the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.
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**Vs. 12** “All things are lawful unto me:” There is no law against it. There is liberty to do it.

**“All things are not expedient:”** Not all things are useful, profitable, or helpful.

Just because it’s legal to do something, doesn’t mean you should do it. Christians must always consider whether or not our actions will promote or prevent the spreading of the gospel.

**“I will not be brought under the power of any.”** You should not be controlled by your habits. You ought to be under the control of the Holy Spirit.

**Vs 13** “Meats” = food. Whatever you eat (health food or junk food) will end up in your belly, which will eventually be destroyed. The body is a temporary vessel for your soul. Don’t waste so much time trying to improve it. Don’t make good-health/bad-health a point of contention in the church.

**13-14** The Lord is the only One who can raise you up (resurrection). Therefore, you ought to devote your life to serving Him. Present your bodies a living sacrifice to the Lord (Rom. 12:1).

**Vs 15** You ought to be concerned with where you take your body and what you do with it, instead of being overly concerned about diet and health. Glorify God in all your actions.

**Vs 16** You have a holy union with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a physical relationship. You are a member of His Body. Don’t join yourself in a relationship that will dishonor Christ.

**Vs 17** We also have a spiritual relationship with the Lord. We are to live in that realm.

**Vs 18** All sins are wrong, but not all sins affect your body. Fornication will certainly affect your body; it will hurt you. It can result in disease (2 Chron. 21:13-15), unwanted pregnancy (2 Sam. 11:5), loss of child (2 Sam. 12:18), death (2 Sam. 13:14, 13:28, Num. 25:8), shame (John 8:3, Luke 7:39).

**19-20** Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost; it’s His house. The Lord paid a great price to save you. You ought to engage only in activities which will glorify God.

**John 16:13-14**, the Holy Spirit desires to glorify the Lord. He is in us. We must glorify the Lord.

**Philippians 1:20-21**, Our greatest desire should be to magnify Christ in our body.

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