



Study Guide

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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1. Whenever the Biblical writers talk about marriage, gender, and sexuality they do it with a baseline assumption that God's blueprint for marriage, gender, and sexuality is found in the creation narratives of Genesis 1-2 (you can see this clearly in the way Jesus uses Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 in Matthew 19:3-8). If you want a refresher on that foundational blueprint go ahead and read **Genesis 1:26-28** and **Genesis 2:15-25**. What are some key truths we see established in these passages?

**PRAY and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and then
READ 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 two times out loud.**

2. In this passage Paul is addressing "sexual immorality" and "fornication" (Greek: *porneia*). New Testament Scholar, Craig Blomberg said, "This is the broadest term for sexual sin in the Greek language, embracing any form of intercourse between two individuals who are not united in heterosexual marriage." Pause and reflect for a moment on whether or not there's any ongoing *porneia* in your life, your thoughts, your heart right now and confess it to God.

3. In this passage Paul is correcting some lies about sex that the Corinthians had bought into from their culture. Write down some lies about sex we tend to buy into from our culture?

4. In response to the lie that people are free to do whatever they want sexually, Paul says that "not everything is beneficial" and "I will not be mastered by anything". In what way is sexual sin "not beneficial"? In what ways can it become a "master"?

5. Paul says we should avoid sexual sin because of Jesus' resurrection and our future resurrection (**v. 15**). What's the connection there? What do you think?

6. In **verse 19** we read that we are not our own, we were bought at a price. What is that price? If we really believe that truth, how should it change the way we live?

Take some time and remind yourself of the Gospel. If you have sexual sin in your past or present and you have confessed to Jesus and repented, you are **forgiven**. Go ahead and write out the words of **Romans 8:1** and carry it around with you today!