

1Co 6:9-20 - *Fornication is sin!*

Context - "fornication" / "body" words

v9 neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**,
nor **effeminate**, nor **homosexuals** ...v13 Yet the
body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; and the
Lord is for the **body**. ... v15 your **bodies** are
members of Christ...make them members of a
prostitute? ... v16 joins himself to a **prostitute** is
one **body** with her ... v18 Flee **immorality**. Every
other sin that a man commits is outside the **body**, but
the **immoral man** sins against his own **body**. v19
your **body** is a temple of the Holy Spirit ... v20
glorify God in your **body**

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Larger context - **chps 5-7**

- **5:1-13** - What to do with the fornicator
- **6:1-8** - Reconciling the injured parties
- **6:9-20** - Fornication is sin!

“immorality” / “fornication”? **vv15,16**

“All things are lawful for me”

***Not true!* vv9-10 → figurative language**

Dialogue

- **Habakkuk**
 - **1:2** Habakkuk
 - **1:5** *Lord*
 - **1:12** Habakkuk
 - **2:2** *Lord*

(Isa 63:1-3; 1Co 8:1-9)

>Licentious gnosticism<

Suggested dialogue ... (Mark in Bible with "C" "P")

12a Gnostic *All things are lawful (i.e. sex. desires)*

12b Paul's res. *But not all things are profitable*

12c Gnostic *All things are lawful*

12d Paul's res. *But I will not be mastered by any.*

13a Gnostic *Food/Stomach; God do away with them*

13b Paul's res. *Body for the Lord; Lord for the body*

18a Gnostic *Every sin is outside the body*

18b Paul's res. *Immoral man sins against his body*

Eight arguments against fornication (sexual immor.)

- 1. v9-10** *Fornicators not inherit the kingdom of God*
- 2. v11** *You were cleansed from these kind of practices*
- 3. v12b** *Fornication is not edifying, profitable*
- 4. v12d** *Must be in control of your passions*
- 5. v13-14** *Body for the Lord and He will raise it*
- 6. v15-17** *Body used in accord with the will of Christ*
- 7. v18** *Fornication is SIN against the body*
- 8. v19-20** *Body is a temple of the Holy Spirit*

3 PRINCIPLES FOR GOD TO BE GLORIFIED IN OUR BODY

- **v12b Morally HELPFUL – not DEPRAVING**
- **v12d SELF-CONTROLLED – not PASSION-CONTROLLED**
- **v13-20 GOD-RULED – not SIN-RULED**
 - ▶ **body for the Lord 13-14**
 - ▶ **body members of Christ (head) 15-17**
 - ▶ **fornication = sin 18**
 - ▶ **body temple of Holy Spirit (revelation) 19-20**

Apply... Dress ... Dancing ... Dating ... Movies... Pornography
... Drugs ... Drinking (eyes, hands, feet, mouth, mind)

1Co 6:20

“Glorify God in your body”