

Not Your Own 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

Opening: Consider freedom in Christ. Most quote Ro 6.18, "you have been set free in Christ". From there, use that said freedom for whatever. It's what was happening with the Church of Corinth. They went from embracing the sinner to embracing the sins. It came to a head when the man was with his step mom. They had a wrong idea of freedom, sensual, not Godly freedom.

How do we develop our godly freedom?

1. Remember We ARE Slaves *vss. 12-14*

- a. This is hard to accept, in our culture of freedom. But then Corinthians had a culture of freedom... Free from sin meant they could still play with Sin. Their 2 sayings: Everything is permissible & meat for the tummy, and tummy for meat. Such attitude brings enslavement to sin.
- b. Paul tells Galatians (5.13) not to use freedom for indulging the sinful nature. And to the Romans (6.18) that what we are free from is sin, so that we can be slaves to righteousness. One yoke for another.
- c. Jesus plainly states that we are slaves, offering an easier yoke (Mt 11.30), telling us that we will either serve God or we will serve money. One master or the other. (Mt 6.24)

2. Remember We Are Not Alone *vss. 15-20*

- a. God Created us, the Son bought us, we became part of His Body. So when we commit sexual sin, we are uniting that with Christ.
- b. Why does this seem greater than other sins? Sexual purity, not just between a man and a woman, but between a husband and his wife, is such an intimate encounter. It is but a shadow of the relationship we will have in Glory with God.
- c. To use this for any other means/reasons, corrupts and pollutes what God had intended, created in God's image, male and female. The 2 become 1.
- d. Now Greek wording, if I move to 3rd person to show this: You – plural, body and sanctuary is singular: "Their body is the sanctuary" shows that sins of one affects the whole body as well.

3. Remember to RUN AWAY *vss. 18*

- a. God created, Jesus redeemed, and the Holy Spirit indwells our body, making us the very temple of God.
- b. 2 Scriptures: 1 Cor. 10.13. No temptation has seized you except what is common, and even then, God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear, and even then he will give you a way of escape so you can stand up under it.
- c. Romans 12.1-2, Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.