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<p><b>1 Corinthians 6:1-11</b></p> <p><b>Lawsuits Against Believers</b></p> <p><b>1</b> When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? <b>2</b> Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <b>3</b> Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! <b>4</b> So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? <b>5</b> I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, <b>6</b> but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? <b>7</b> To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? <b>8</b> But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!<b>[a]</b></p> <p><b>9</b> Or do you not know that the unrighteous<b>[b]</b> will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,<b>[c]</b> <b>10</b> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p><b>11</b> 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.</p>			

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<b>Footnotes:</b> a: 1 Corinthians 6:8 Or <i>brothers and sisters</i> b: 1 Corinthians 6:9 Or <i>wrongdoers</i> c: 1 Corinthians 6:9 The two Greek terms translated by this phrase refer to the passive and active partners in consensual homosexual acts			
<b>Summary:</b>			
<b>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</b> <b>Flee Sexual Immorality</b> 12 “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. 13 “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. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 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! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined[d] to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin[e] a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.			

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<b>Summary:</b>			

Sexual immorality is only one of the sins condemned in God's Word. Pray through these verses as you consider the source and remedy of particular sin patterns in your life today.

**Mark 7:21-23**

**21** For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, **22** coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. **23** All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

**Romans 12:2**

**2** Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.[b]

**a:** Greek *age*

**b:** Or *what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God*

**Ephesians 4:22-24**

**22** to put off your old self,[f] which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, **23** and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

**f:** Greek *man*; also verse 24

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### Space for Grace

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Consider one of the following prompts to further reflect upon this lesson, or follow where the Spirit leads.

- List actions or thoughts that divide your heart and pull you away from God. Next to each, write an action you can take to draw closer to Him.
- Share how God helped you successfully overcome a temptation or sin pattern.



Prayer Requests

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