

## 1 CORINTHIANS | ESCAPE SEXUAL IMMORALITY

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Sexual immorality and sin were as rampant in 1<sup>st</sup> century Corinth as they are in our society today. On the hill of the Acropolis stood the temple of Aphrodite, the “goddess of love”, which employed 1,000 priestesses who were sacred prostitutes. In the evenings they would hit the streets of Corinth. Sexual sin has plagued those throughout history. Mighty men had fallen because of their inability to escape sexual temptation. We can read about the incredibly strong military leader Samson or the greatest king of Israel, King David. When we do, we see that they failed to escape immorality. The Corinthian church was also failing in this area. Paul had already addressed an issue of a man who had an inappropriate relationship with his stepmother. Now he rebukes the Corinthians for the improper use of their bodies. What principles and imperatives can we learn from Paul to help us escape sexual immorality?

1. When you use your \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, you become a \_\_\_\_\_ to sin. 6:12
2. Our bodies are to be used to \_\_\_\_\_ God, not to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and \_\_\_\_\_ to relationships. 6:13-17
3. \_\_\_\_\_ sexual immorality so that you do not destroy \_\_\_\_\_. 6:18
4. Do not waste any time; \_\_\_\_\_ God now. Your body is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood of Christ.