

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 92--1 Corinthians 6

Introduction: The divided state of the church prevented the members from solving their differences among themselves. One member of the congregation would take their brothers or sisters to court to settle a difference. In addition Paul discusses the problem of fornication among the Corinthians, a sin commonly practiced in Corinth.

Lesson aim: To show how Christians should solve their problems with other Christians without the aid of unbelievers and that they should use their bodies to glorify God.

Instructions concerning taking a brother to law--1 Cor. 6:1-11

1. What were the Corinthians doing when they had a case against a brother in Christ for some kind of wrongful conduct?
2. Before whom did Paul say Christians should present their disagreements for a judgment?
3. What two groups will the saints judge? If they will judge these groups, would it be right to believe they could judge in matters between brethren?
4. What did Paul say was a shame? (v. 5)
5. Rather than take a brother to court what did Paul say the wronged man ought to have done?
6. What was the condition of the man who wronged and defrauded a brother?
7. What will the unrighteous not inherit? Name the kinds of things God teaches are unrighteous.
8. What three things had happened to the Corinthians? What did this mean so far a how they should now live?

Teaching on fornication--1 Cor. 6:12-20

1. When Paul said, "All things are lawful for me", did he mean to say that anything we do is right? Did he mean to say that not everything that is right is really profitable for us to do?
2. Would it be wrong to become addicted to something that is good, like food or some other thing?
3. Paul compares the stomach and food with the Lord and our bodies. Answer the following statements true or false.

T F Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food.

T F God will destroy food but not the stomach.

T F The body is for fornication, not the Lord.

T F The Lord is for the body.

T F God will destroy the body and the Lord.

4. Our bodies are members of _____ body. We are one _____ with the Lord.
5. Should we take the members of Christ's body (us) and join them with an immoral woman or harlot?
6. When we commit fornication we sin against what?
7. Our bodies are a _____ of the Holy Spirit.
8. To whom does Paul say we belong? Why?
9. If God owns our bodies, what should we do with them?