

## 1 Corinthians 6 (11-7-10)

## THE EFFEMINATE

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor effeminate**, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

"...neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **homosexuals**, nor **sodomites**."  
(NKJV)

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **male prostitutes** nor homosexual offenders..."  
(NIV, 1984)

"Or do you not know that **wrongdoers** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have [lewdness] with men."  
(NIV, 2010)

"...nor boy prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals."  
(NAB)

### Effeminate:

"...womanish; soft to an unmanly degree..."  
(Johnson's Dictionary, 1755)

"...to grow or make womanish...Having the qualities of the female sex; soft or delicate to an unmanly degree..."  
(Webster's, 1828)

"...lack of manly character..."  
(Standard Dictionary, 1895)

"...become like a woman..."  
(Oxford Dictionary)

### Effeminize; Effeminated:

"To render effeminate or womanish in character **or appearance**...Degraded by subjection to a woman."  
(Oxford Dictionary)

"Traditionally...frequently, 'effeminacy' was used to connote some deviant form of heterosexuality [such as] subservience to [a] wife or mistress..."  
(Susan C. Shapiro, *Male Effeminacy in English Satire and Criticism*)

"But especially eschew to be **effeminate** in your clothes, in perfuming, preening, or such like...and make not a fool of yourself in disguising or wearing long your hair or nails, which are but excrements of nature...Guard against corrupt lewd and **effeminate** ones."

(King James VI of Scotland, and I of England)

"Are all women then turned Masculine? No, God forbid, there are a world full of holy thoughts, modest carriage, and severe chastity...Come, then, you Masculine women, for you are my Subject...that are all things but that which you should be...the monstrosity of your deformity in apparel...the glory of a fair large hair, to the shame of most ruffianly short locks...Remember how your Maker made for our first Parents coats - not one coat, but a coat for the man and a coat for the woman...The long hair of a woman is the ornament of her sex, and bashful shamefastness her chief honor...Shield...with modest and comely garments, such as are warm and wholesome, having every window closed..."

(*Hic Mulier*; or, *The Man-Woman*, 1620)

**1 Corinthians 11:1** Be ye **followers of me**, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye **remember me** in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

14 Doth not **even nature itself teach you**, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, **we** have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

**Revelation 9:8** And they had **hair as the hair of women**, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

**Deuteronomy 22:4** Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

**5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

"[For] that alters the order of **of nature**, and shows that you despise God."

(*Geneva Notes*)

**Deuteronomy 18:9** When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after **the abominations** of those nations.

**Ephesians 4:17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as **other Gentiles** walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being **past feeling**...

**Exodus 28:42** And thou shalt make them linen **breeches** to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons...

**Job 38:3** Gird up now thy loins **like a man**; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

**Daniel 3:21** Then **these men** were bound in their coats, **their hosen**, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

**Matthew 11:8** But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in **soft raiment**? behold, they that wear **soft clothing** are in kings' houses.

(Greek: *malakoi, malakois*)

"Were you attracted into the wilderness of Judea to see an **effeminate** courtier?"  
(*People's New Testament Commentary*, on Matthew 11:8)