

- But - Even Though This Is Becoming:
 - More & More Common:
 - Even Among Church-Going Young People:
 - It Is Opposed To God's Design For & Blessing Upon Marriage!
 - But - This Also Happens When:
 - As We've Seen - Not Only In Our Country:
 - But All Throughout The World:
 - People Seek To Redefine Marriage:
 - To Whatever Definition:
 - Fits Their Own Lusts And Desires!
 - This Could Mean:
 - A So-Called Marriage:
 - Between People Of The Same Sex:
 - Or Even Marriage:
 - Between More Than One Person At The Same Time!
 - But - Any Rejection Or Redefinition:
 - **Of** Marriage:
 - Is Unfaithfulness **To** Marriage!
5. People Are Also Unfaithful:
- To The Care & Commitment & Charge:
 - That God Designed:
 - For Marriage!
 - Instead Of:
 - A Relationship:
 - Of Genuine Love, Affection & Care:
 - Seeking After The Best For One's Spouse:
 - It Has Deteriorated Into:
 - A Relationship Of Lust:
 - And Self-Love Instead!
 - Instead Of:
 - A Relationship:
 - Of Genuine Commitment & Security:
 - Willing To Stick With Each Other:
 - Through The Ups And Downs Of Life:
 - It Too Has Deteriorated Into:
 - A Relationship Based On The Whims Of A Person's Heart & The Winds Of A Person's Circumstances!
 - And - Instead Of:
 - A Relationship:
 - Where Each Person Seeks To Fulfil His / Her Role & Charge:
 - To Benefit The Other:
 - It Has Deteriorated As Well Into:
 - A Relationship Of:
 - Selfishness - Looking Out For Your Own Interests:
 - Instead Of The Interests Of The Other!
 - In All Of These Ways:
 - We Can See That There Is A Lot Of Unfaithfulness:
 - In This World!
6. And So - When God Says:
- "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" - He Is:
 - Seeking To Reprove Us:
 - Of The Rampant Unfaithfulness:
 - All Around Us!
 - Because - Marital Infidelity:
 - Toward A Person's Spouse:
 - Is An Illustration Of & Even A Symptom Of:
 - Spiritual Infidelity:
 - And Unfaithfulness To God!

7. Now - Some Will Say:
- That This Commandment:
 - Has Nothing To Do With Them:
 - Since They Are Not Married!
 - But - By Focusing Our Attention:
 - On The Specific Sin Of Adultery:
 - God Includes Everything Else That Can Lead Up To Adultery!
 - This Is Proven:
 - When Jesus - In The Sermon On The Mount:
 - After Dealing With:
 - The Heart Of Anger:
 - He Deals With:
 - The Heart Of Lust!
 - In Matthew 5:27-32 - “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: / 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. / 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. / 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. / 31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: / 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery!”
 - So - According To Jesus:
 - The Sin Of Adultery:
 - Can Take Different Forms!
 - There Is:
 - Physical Adultery:
 - When A Husband Or A Wife:
 - Is Unfaithful To His / Her Spouse!
 - But - There Is Also:
 - Mental Adultery:
 - When A Man Or Woman Even:
 - Looks On Someone With Lust In Their Hearts!
 - And - This Principle Applies:
 - Not Only To Those Who Are Married:
 - But To Those Who Are Unmarried As Well!
8. So - Not Only Does God:
- Condemn The Sin Of Adultery:
 - In The Seventh Commandment:
 - He Also Condemns:
 - All The Different Kinds Of Sin:
 - Known As Fornication:
 - Which Always Leads A Person Away From:
 - God’s Original Deign For Marriage!
 - And This Is Why:
 - In 1 Corinthians 6:13 - The Apostle Paul Wrote:
 - To A Church That Was Surrounded:
 - By Such A Well-Known Immoral Community And Culture:
 - “Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body!”
 - So - In Order To:
 - Avoid The Sin Of Adultery:
 - We Also Need To:
 - Flee All Forms Of Fornication:
 - And Immoral Thoughts And Acts!
9. So - In The Time We Have Left:
- Let’s Head Over To 1 Corinthians 6:
 - Where I Would Like To Focus Our Attention:

- On 6:15-20 - Where Paul Adds:
 - “What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. / 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. / 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. / 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? / 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s!”

10. Before We Go On:

- We Need To Remember Who Paul Was Writing To!
 - The Corinthian Church Existed Within A Very Ungodly Culture!
 - And Some Of The Issues We Find In The Church Were Issues That Were Very Common In The City & Culture Of Corinth At That Time!
- For Example:
 - The City Of Corinth Was A Very Immoral Place!
 - **IE:** Could Have Had The Same Motto As Las Vegas - “What Happens In Corinth Stays In Corinth!”
 - And So - Corinth Was Known For Its Immorality Even In That Wicked Culture!
 - But - Even More Shocking - One Of The Primary Religions Of Corinth:
 - Had A Temple To The Goddess Aphrodite, Where Immorality Was Considered An Act Of Worship!
 - Corinth Was A Society Crazy By Immorality & Saturated With It!
 - **IE:** Does This Sound Anything Like Our Society & Culture Today?
 - Think About Our Entertainment Industry!
 - Think About Our Marketing Industry!
 - Sex Sells! Billboards / Commercials!
 - Think About Even Our Healthcare Industry!

11. In This Kind Of Culture:

- God Tells Us Through Paul: There Needs To Be A Difference!
 - A Difference Between Christians & Non-Christians!
 - A Difference In How We Think / How We Talk / How We Act!
- And To Help Us Live Faithfully:
 - According To The Gospel:
 - We Need To Remember This:
 - ***We Belong To The Lord!***

12. And 1 Corinthians 6:20 Tells Us Specifically:

- How We Are To Live!
 - ***“Therefore Glorify God In Your Body, And In Your Spirit, Which Are God’s!”***
- And - In Order To “Glorify God In Your Body”:
 - You Need To Renew Your Mind With 3 Truths:
 - 3 Principles About Your Body!

* First Principle - In 6:15:

I. Your Body Has A Special Function!

- “Know Ye Not That Your Bodies Are The Members Of Christ?”
 - This Is The First Truth / Principle That We Need To Know:
 - “Your Bodies Are The Members Of Christ!”
 - Not Just Your Spirit / Soul - Your Body As Well!
 - When You Are Saved:
 - God Redeems ***All*** Of You:
 - And Has A Special Function For ***All*** Of You!
 - “Your Bodies Are The Members Of Christ!”
 - ***Your*** Body Is Part Of ***Christ’s*** Body!
 - So That Now, Your Body Has A Special Function!
 - “Christians Are Literally Christ’s Body On Earth!” (Freddy Fritz)
 - And So - We See:
- The Practice Of Our Function:
 - God Never Gives Us A Doctrine That Is Not Meant To Change Our Direction!

- **IE:** Looking At A Map To Get Where You Are Going - Does No Good If You Don't Follow It!
 - That Is Why The Principles In God's Word Ought To Impact Our Practice!
- The Principle In 6:15 - "Your Bodies Are The Members Of Christ!"
 - Needs To Impact Our Practice!
 - "Shall I Then Take The Members Of Christ, And Make Them The Members Of An Harlot? God Forbid!" – Or – "May It Never Be!"
- What You Do With Your Body Matters!
 - If You Are A Christian:
 - Your Body Is Part Of The Body Of Christ!
 - And If You Are Involved In Any Kind Of Immorality:
 - You Are Actually Misusing & Even Stealing What Rightfully Belongs To God!
- Your Body Has A Special Function!
 - So What Are We To Do?
- The Purpose Of Our Function:
 - 6:20 - "Therefore Glorify God In Your Body, And In Your Spirit, Which Are God's!"

* Second Principle - In 6:16-18:

2. *Your Body Has A Special Fastener!*

- **IE:** A Fastener Is Like Glue! Super Glue / Gorilla Glue - Very Strong Bond! God Has Given Us Something Very Special To Be Like A Glue In Marriage! And That Is - The Sexual Union!
 - According To Hebrews 13:4 - "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled!"
 - This "Glue" Was Designed By God & Given By God To The Very First Married Couple - Adam & Eve:
 - So That They Could "Cleave" To Each Other & Be "Joined" To Each Other In A "One Flesh" Relationship!
 - But What Happens When You "Join" Your Body To Someone Else Apart From God's Design?
 - 6:16 - "He Which Is Joined To An Harlot Is One Body!"
 - Through Fornication, You Actually Give Away More Of Yourself Each Time!
 - Because Sex Is Not Just A Physical Act!
 - It Is An Emotional & Even A Spiritual Act!
 - Those Who Are Involved In Immorality:
 - Think It Is Just Temporary & For Physical Pleasure! But It Is So Much More!
 - Ask David (Bathsheba) & Judah (Tamar)!
 - Any Kind Of Immorality Takes What God Made Special & Sacred & Turns It Into A Stain!
 - And So - We See:
- The Practice Of Our Fastener:
 - Again - The Principle Found In 6:16-17 Ought To Impact Our Practice!
 - What Are We To Do?
 - 6:18 - "Flee Fornication!"
 - A Command! Flee / Escape / Avoid!
 - Reminds Of Proverbs 4:15 - "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away!"
 - Serious Sin (And Every Kind Of Immoral Thought & Behavior Is Serious Sin) Requires Serious & Swift Action!
 - "Flee Fornication!"
 - Example In The Life Of Joseph!
 - Genesis 39:12-18 - Literally / Physically Had To Flee From The Temptation With Potiphar's Wife!
 - The Rest Of 6:18 Gives Us Even More Reason To "Flee"!
 - "Every Sin That A Man Doeth Is Without The Body; But He That Committeth Fornication Sinneth Against His Own Body!"
 - What Does This Mean?
 - All Sin Is Serious!
 - But Not Every Sin Involves Your Body In The Same Detrimental Way!
 - But - Any Kind Of Fornication - Sexual Immorality:
 - Is An Abuse Of Your Own Body!
 - And God's Design & Purpose For Your Body!
 - And These Kinds Of Sin, Like No Other, Can Lead To:
 - Spiritual Defilement!

- Public Dishonor!
- And Even Physical Disease!
- This Is Why We Still Need To “Flee Fornication”:
- In This Immoral Culture, Country & Community In Which We Live!
- Your Body Has A Special Fastener!
- So What Are We To Do?
- The Purpose Of Our Fastener:
- 6:20 - “Therefore Glorify God In Your Body, And In Your Spirit, Which Are God’s!”

* Third Principle - In 6:19-20:

2. *Your Body Has A Special Fellowship!*

- The Third Truth / Principle That We Need To Know:
 - “Your Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Ghost!”
 - The Temple Was The Sacred Place Of The Presence Of God!
- In The Old Testament:
 - It Was In The Tabernacle & The Temple!
- In The New Testament:
 - It Is In The Lives & Bodies Of His People!
 - And Like The Shekinah Glory Would Fill The Tabernacle & Temple:
 - This Is What God Seeks To Do & Eventually Will Do In You!
- Here - We See The Indwelling Of Your Body!
 - “Of The Holy Ghost Which Is In You!” (6:19)
 - Isn’t This What Jesus Promised In John 14:16-17:
 - “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; / Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you!”
- We Also See The Interest In Your Body!
 - “And Ye Are Not Your Own!” (6:19)
 - Why? “For Ye Are Bought With A Price!”
 - If You Have Been Saved:
 - It Is Because Jesus Came To Buy You Out Of Your Slavery – To Your Self & Your Sin!
 - 1 Peter 1:19 - “With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot!”
- Now - Your Body Has A Special Fellowship!
 - **You** Have A Special Fellowship!
 - And That Is Why We Can See:
- The Practice Of Our Fellowship:
 - This Principle Needs To Impact Your Practice!
 - This Needs To Be A Resolution In Your Life!
 - “I Will Glorify God In My Body!”
 - This Morning - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
 - Because You Are Special To God! All Of You!
- And This Applies To Each One Of Us!
 - Because Temptation To Immorality Knows No Bounds!
 - This Is Not Just A Young Person’s Issue!
 - Christians Of All Ages - Young & Old - Face This Temptation!
 - This Is Not Just A Man’s Issue!
 - Christians Of Both Genders - Men & Women - Face This Temptation!
 - This Is Not Just A Married Person’s Issue!
 - Christians Of All Conditions - Married & Single - Face This Temptation!

Conclusion:

1. So Make This Resolution Yourself!
 - Your Body Has Been Given:
 - A Special Function / Fastener / Fellowship!
 - So - “Glorify God In Your Body & In Your Spirit!”

2. And This Is How:
 - You Will Be Able To:
 - Fulfill The Spirit Of The Seventh Commandment:
 - And Be Faithful:
 - Even As God Is Faithful!

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