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There is no such thing as casual sex. It is one of the most wondrous, and, at the same time, dangerous gifts God has given us to enjoy.

True spirituality is physical. How I handle my physical body has a direct and profound impact on my spiritual life.

1. Sexual immorality affects us in three negative ways (Paul confronts three popular Corinthian slogans). (6:12-14)

- a. It harms. (v. 12a) *"All things are lawful for me." BUT not all things are helpful.*

This Corinthian slogan was an extreme expression of Christian liberty. Certainly, there is nothing harmful about sex. Sex is good. It is a gift from God to be enjoyed exclusively in marriage. To engage in sex outside of marriage, causes tremendous harm, not only to us personally but to others as well.

- b. It enslaves. (v. 12b) *"All things are lawful for me." BUT I will not be dominated by anything.*

Paul repeats this slogan and provides a second correction: Because of the nature of human sexuality, the act of sex alone can never deliver what it promises. It's simply not what Hollywood cracks it up to be. Why? Not because sex isn't great. It is! And for sure, erotica has its place in the marriage bed, but its value is only in accentuating something far greater and more important, and that's the couple's relationship in the covenant of marriage. That's what God made sex for. Erotica outside of marriage becomes an idol whose thirst for more is never quenched, and any indulgence in a pleasure that has us in its grips is not freedom. It's slavery. Our sexuality is such a central part of who we are as image bearers of God, if it's mishandled it becomes an obsession that enslaves us

- c. It violates. (vv. 13-14) *"Food is for the stomach and stomach for food"*

With this slogan, the Corinthians had reduced sexuality to a mere bodily function. When the stomach is hungry you feed it. It's as simple and as natural as that. So, they contended, our sexual drive is the same. When the body needs sex, give it sex. It's no different than eating food when your stomach is hungry. Just make sure you do it with another consenting person. You're only satisfying a natural bodily appetite.

Paul dismantles their logic. The point about food and the stomach may be true enough, but it can't be applied to the entire human body. Paul distinguishes the stomach and food from the ultimate glory of the human body by reminding us that God will one day destroy the stomach and food, but he will not destroy our bodies. In the new creation, we will have glorified bodies like Christ's glorious resurrection body—though physical, our bodies will not be natural. They will be spiritual bodies, with supernatural abilities.

Our bodies have an eternal purpose. *Our bodies are for the Lord, and the Lord is for our bodies.* The reason the eternal Word became flesh, died a physical death, and was raised in a physical resurrection, is this: God is committed to saving us physically as well as spiritually. So, we must be very careful not to devalue our body and underestimate its significance to God.

2. Our physical bodies are inseparably linked to our spiritual union with Christ (6:15-20)

- a. Through Christ's resurrection, our bodies are an extension of his body, because we are one with him in spirit. (vv. 15-17)
- b. Through Christ's crucifixion, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, because we are a purchased (redeemed) possession. (vv. 18-20)

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