

AGAINST THE CURRENT
Broken Yet Beloved Message Series Week 5
1 Corinthians 6
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God, through the Apostle Paul, is calling the Church to live counter to the culture in 1 Corinthians chapter six. The two ways the Corinthians were missing the mark were:

- Civil lawsuits against each other
- Sexual immorality

**Reasons to keep disputes within the Church from
1 Corinthians 6:**

1. **Believers will judge in the future.** (1 Corinthians 6:1-3)
2. **There is wisdom in the Church.** (1 Corinthians 6:4-5)
3. **It maintains our witness.** (1 Corinthians 6:6)
4. **It keeps the goal of unity in focus.** (1 Corinthians 6:7-8; Proverbs 19:11)

“Better to lose money and possession than to lose a brother or lose your testimony.” -Warren Wiersbe

Daniel L. Akin and James Merritt, *Christ-Centered Exposition:
Exalting Jesus in 1 Corinthians*, B&H Publishing Group,
Brentwood, TN, 2023, p. 118.

5. **We have a new identity in Christ.** (1 Corinthians 6:11)

Reasons for pursuing sexual purity from 1 Corinthians 6:

1. The body is for more than sexual pleasure.

(1 Corinthians 6:12-14)

2. The body is for the Lord. (1 Corinthians 6:15-17)

3. Sexual sin hits different. (1 Corinthians 6:18)

“Paul appears to say that sexual sin scars the soul and impacts the body beyond all other sins. It scars the psyche and wounds the inner person.”

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4. God owns our bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

“The body is important and valuable to God. How important and valuable? At conversion he makes it his home, his temple, his holy place. God could live anywhere, and indeed he lives everywhere. But when we repent of sin and trust in Christ, God comes to live inside each one of us by his Holy Spirit.”

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