

## **Bible Study for January 11-17**

*You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.*

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

### **Notes:**

We are reminded today that freedom includes the ability to make unproductive and destructive choices and that “freedom of choice” can become our master if we choose to follow our own will rather than God’s. Paul is focused here on self-indulgent sins rather than self-destructive sins.

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

Because Christ has united us with him and with one another, immorality has no place among us. Freedom to live in Christ excludes living in opposition to him. When we fall into sin, we can repent of the disunity we have brought. Jesus will restore and renew us as his very own.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What were some unproductive choices you have made in life using the idea that “if we have freedom of choice, I can do whatever I want”? Do some of those choices still haunt you?

Verse 13 reflects Paul’s view of Jewish dietary laws (see Romans 14:6-8, 14). How have the Corinthians applied that principle to sex?

In what ways does Paul qualify this freedom mentioned in verse 12? (see also Galatians 5:1, 13a)

In what area do you struggle with what is “permissible” versus what is “beneficial”?