

The Liberty Of Lordship

Sunday, August 18, 2024

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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1. Christ’s Authority Over Our **Desires**:

1 Corinthians 6:12-13 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

When we surrender our desires to Him, we find true **freedom**—not the false freedom that leads to enslavement but the liberty that comes from living within the boundaries God has set for our good.

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death."

Psalms 37:4: "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

When we delight in God, our desires begin to align with His, and in that **alignment**, we find true satisfaction.

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2. Christ’s Authority Over Our **Actions**

1 Corinthians 6:14-17 “By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will

become one flesh." 17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

Paul uses the example of sexual immorality to make his point, arguing that engaging in such acts is tantamount to **uniting** Christ with sin. This is unthinkable for someone who belongs to Christ.

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

Living under the Lordship of Christ means taking every opportunity to **reflect** His love in our interactions.

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3. Christ's Authority Over Our **Attitudes:**

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

We have been purchased by the blood of Christ, and as a result, we have no right to live **according** to our own desires or to do whatever we want with our bodies. Instead, we are called to honor God with our bodies, recognizing that they belong to Him.

Ephesians 4:22-24 encourages us to "put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Philippians 2:5-8 tells us, "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" This week, I challenge you to identify one area of your life—whether it's a desire, an action, or an attitude—that needs to be brought under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Surrender it to Him and **experience** the true freedom that comes from living under His authority.

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