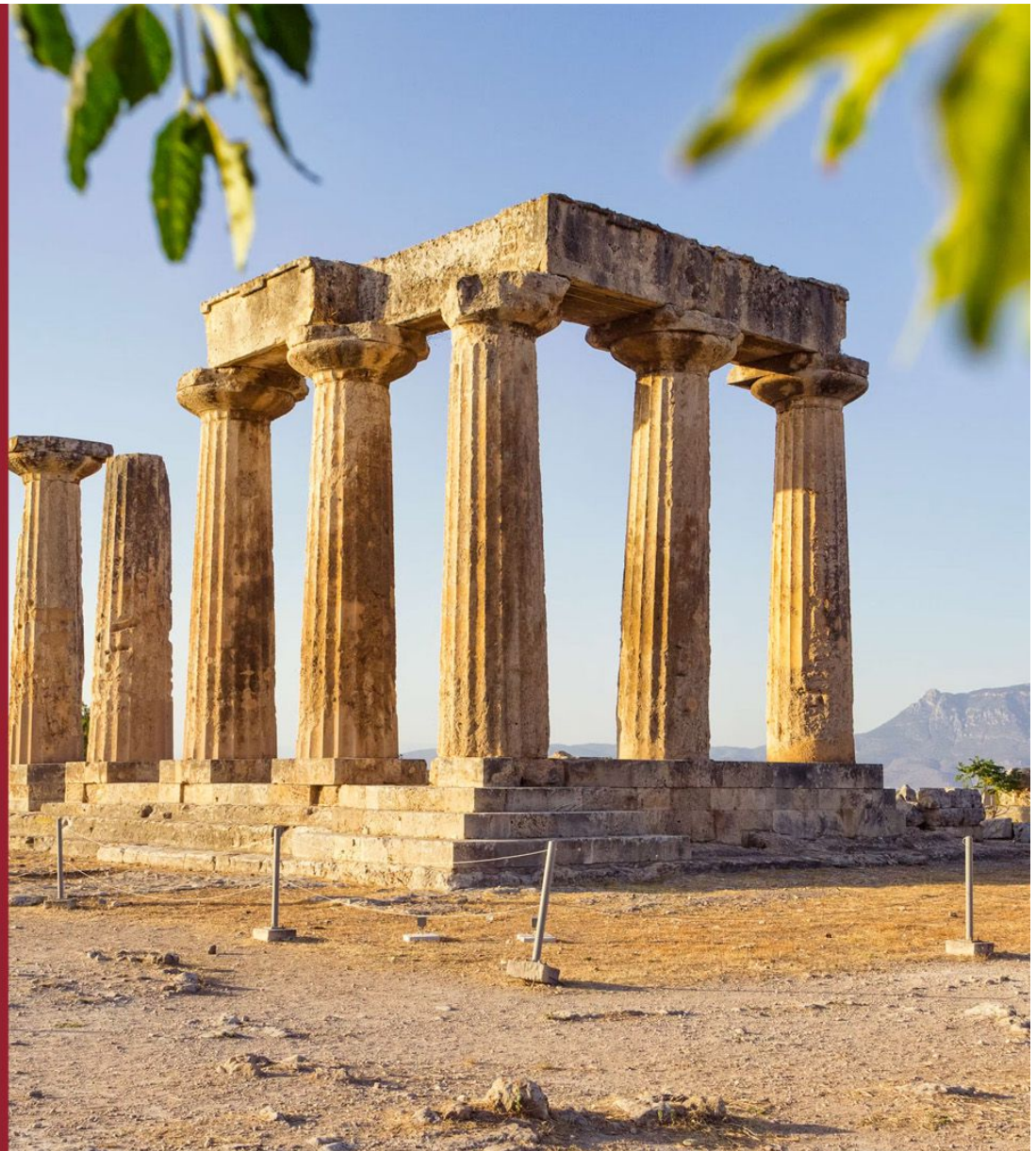


OVERCOMING DYSFUNCTIONS OF A CHURCH  
A SERIES BASED ON 1ST CORINTHIANS



# *DIRTY LAUNDRY*

***PAUL'S 1ST LETTER  
TO THE CHURCH  
IN CORINTH***





***DIFFERENT TIMES.  
SIMILAR CHALLENGES.***

# ***ANCIENT CORINTH:***

- Geography
- Commerce
- Culture
- Religion



<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those **sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together** with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3***

## ***THIS SERIES***

- Immorality (Ch. 5-7)
- Division (Ch. 1-4)
- Individualism (Ch. 11-14)
- Legalism (Ch. 8-10)
- Defection (Ch. 15)



***35-DAY  
DEVOTION  
PLAN FOR  
1 CORINTHIANS***

# ***SEXUAL IMMORALITY***

**Chapter 5 - 6**

<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality among you**, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> And you are **arrogant!** Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

<sup>6</sup> **Your boasting is not good.** Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup> Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.

***1 CORINTHIANS 5: 1-2, 6-7***



# ***SEXUAL IMMORALITY***

**Greek - porneia**

<sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you **not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother** if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? <sup>13</sup> God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

***1 CORINTHIANS 5: 11-13***

# ***THE POSTURE***

- Acceptance / Apathy (v1)
- Arrogant (v2)
- Affection / Association (v11)

## ***THE PROBLEM***

<sup>12</sup> “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but **I will not be dominated by anything.** <sup>13</sup> “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. **The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord,** and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

***1 CORINTHIANS 5: 11-13***

# ***THE PROBLEM***

## ***THE EXCUSES (V12-13)***

I have the right  
to do anything

The body is meant for  
sexual desires

## ***PAUL'S REPLY (V12-13)***

Not all things are helpful / beneficial  
We will not be mastered / dominated by anything

The body is meant for the Lord

<sup>3</sup> But among you there must **not be even a hint** of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

***EPHESIANS 5:3***

## ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

**15 Do you not know** that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! **16 Or do you not know** that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” **17** But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

***1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17***

## ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

**<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality.** Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. **<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know** that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, **<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

***1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20***



# ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

## ***1. RIGHT THINKING***

- Our body is for the Lord (v13)
- Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (v19)
- We are bought with a price (v20)

# ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

## ***2. RIGHT ACTION***

### **2 Timothy 2:22 (NKJV)**

**Flee** also youthful lusts; but **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, peace **with those** who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- Flee
- Fight for righteousness
- Fellowship (Discipleship community)

# ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

## ***3. RIGHT MOTIVATION***

- Glorify God (v20)

**11** And **such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

***1 CORINTHIANS 6:11***

# ***GOSPEL SOLUTION***

***1. RIGHT THINKING***

***2. RIGHT ACTION***

***3. RIGHT MOTIVATION***

**<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God  
in your body.**

***1 CORINTHIANS 6:11***