

**HOLY MANY IN UNHOLY SOCIETY:
A study in I and II Corinthians
AMEN Bible Study 2013-2014**

**Glorify God in Your Body
I Corinthians 6:12-20
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6:12-14 I. Think again.

:12 A. You are free to serve.
“‘All things are lawful for me,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be enslaved by anything.”
cf. Galatians 5:1, 13; John 8:32; Romans 6:7, 12-14; II Corinthians 3:17

:13, 14 B. Your body is important.
“‘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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”
cf. I Thessalonians 4:3-8

“soma” 8x “porneia” 2x “pornē” 2x “pornenō” 1x

:15-17 II. C'mon man.

:15a, 17 A. Conversion makes us one with Christ.
“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.”
cf. John 15:5; Romans 6:1-4

:16 B. Adultery makes us one with a prostitute.
“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.’”
cf. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 5:27-30

Q. 137. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Q. 138. *What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?*

A. The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

Q. 139. *What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?*

A. The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are, adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; wanton looks, impudent or light behavior, immodest apparel; prohibiting of lawful, and dispensing with unlawful marriages; allowing, tolerating, keeping of stews, and resorting to them; entangling vows of single life, undue delay of marriage; having more wives or husbands than one at the same time; unjust divorce, or desertion; idleness, gluttony, drunkenness, unchaste company; lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays; and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.

- *Westminster Larger Catechism #137-139*

:15b

C. We can't do both.

"Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute?"

cf. Proverbs 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27

Demosthenes, in his *Oration*s, speaks of thinking that was common at that time:

"Mistresses we keep for the sake of pleasure, concubines for the daily care of the body, but wives to bear us legitimate children." (taken from Gordon D. Fee, *I Corinthians*)

:18-20 III. Run fast....and keep running.

"Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body."

cf. Genesis 39; I Corinthians 10:14; I Timothy 6:11; II Timothy 2:22

Because we are:

:19a

A. the temple of the Holy Spirit.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

cf. I Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:21; I Peter 2:5

:19b, 20

B. the possession of God.

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

cf. Romans 14: 7, 8; I Corinthians 7:23; II Corinthians 5:15; I Peter 1:19