***11****And* ***that is what some of you were****. 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

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* 2 Corinthians 5:17

***12****“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.* 1 Corinthians 6:12-13

***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.****14****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!* 1 Corinthians 6:13-15

**God’s Way For Sexual Intimacy: Marriage.**

***4****“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’****5****and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?****6****So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”* Matthew 19:4-6

***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.* 1 Corinthians 6:16-17

* **Establish & PROTECT God’s Boundaries.**

***18Flee from sexual immorality.****All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.*1 Corinthians 6:18

* **…With A HOLY Pursuit Of Obedience.**

***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****.* 1 Cor 6:19-20

**1 Corinthians 6:1-20 -> RECALIBRATE: CIVIL COURTS & THE BEDROOM**

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* **Avoid CIVIL Courts With Believers.**

*If any of you has a dispute with another, do you* ***dare to take it before the ungodly*** *for judgment instead of before the Lord’s people?* ***2****Or do you not know that the Lord’s people will* ***judge the world****? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to* ***judge trivial cases****?****3****Do you not know that we will* ***judge angels****? How much more the things of this life!* 1 Corinthians 6:1-3

*To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—* Revelation 2:26

**KEY: This A Reference To Civil Crimes, Not Sexual Abuse Or Violent Crimes**

* **Do Better: MODEL Reconciliation To The World.**

***4****Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church?****5****I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?* ***6****But instead, one brother takes another to court—and this in front of unbelievers!* 1 Corinthians 6:4-6

* **Make a Bold Decision: Be WRONGED – to Be Right.**

***7****The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be* ***wronged****? Why not rather be* ***cheated****?****8****Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters.* 1 Corinthians 6:7-8

***21****Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”* ***22****Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.* Matthew 18:21-22

**KEY: It Is Christlike To Forgive Your Brother Over and Over.**

* **Our Bodies Are To Be Living SACRIFICES, Not Life-Dominating Sin.**

***9****Or do you not know that wrongdoers (unrighteous) will not* ***inherit the kingdom of God****? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men****10****nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will* ***inherit the kingdom of God****.*

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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