

## New

1 Corinthians 6:8-20

### 1. Believers are a “new creation” but can still have old and dangerous appetites. (1 Cor 6:8-11)

#### a. Temptation is inevitable. (1 Cor 10:13)

- We are tempted to take what God has not given to us.
- We are tempted to steal from others.

#### b. Be careful about condemning others' temptations and ignoring your own.

- We rank sins according to our own standards.
- God designed us and knows what is best for us.

#### c. God wants us to come as we are, but not stay as we are.

- What we were is not what we are.
- We are not defined by our appetites.

### 2. Through the gospel, we can have a new life. (1 Cor 6:11-13)

#### a. Believers are not a slave to their appetites. (Rom 6:6)

- God always gives us an alternate option. (1 Cor 10:13)
- We have everything we need for overcoming sin.

#### b. Not all of our appetites need to be fed.

- Feeding your appetites often makes them stronger.
- God is not the one tempting you.

### 3. We were built to worship. When we worship anything but God, it opens us up to destruction. (1 Cor 6:13-20)

#### a. “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” John Piper

- Contentment is an uncommon blessing.
- We can take what belongs to God and give it to someone else.

#### b. Some worship sex.

- Sexual immorality comes at a uniquely high price.
- Satan offers a cheap substitute for God's best.

### Questions for discussion and application.

1. Why is it so easy to notice others' sins and ignore our own? How can studying 1 Cor 6:8-10 help us to identify our own vulnerabilities?
2. How is temptation different from sin? What does it mean for a Christian to be “washed, sanctified, and justified?”
3. How can rationalized sin lead to dangerous addiction? How does God offer us victory over sin and addiction?