

Message Notes

It's Just Sex! ~ The American Lie

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Between Two Cities"

What the boombox is telling us:

1. Sex is bad and dirty
2. Sex is everything (need to be getting a lot!)
3. What's the big deal?
4. Sex = Intimacy
5. We joke about sex, don't talk about it
6. Sex defines me

Today's Message:

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1 Corinthians 6:9-20

The Difficult Ride of the Christian Life

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Three Reasons not to be libertine

1. Everything is Permissible.
But is it Beneficial? - 1 Cor 6:12a
2. Everything is Permissible.
But am I Mastered by it? - 1 Cor 6:12b
3. Dude, I was made for sex!
Really? - 1 Cor 6:13

Paul's Rationale for not "feeding the stomach" of sexual desire

1. Your "stomach" is made for the food of God
1 Cor 6:13
2. You and Jesus are ONE!
 - a. Bodies of Christians are unified with Jesus - 1 Cor 6:14-15a
 - b. Sexual intercourse unifies more than the body- 1 Cor 6:16-17
 - c. Therefore, Jesus is unified with the prostitute? - 1 Cor 6:15b
3. Biblical Body Image- 1 Cor 6:18-20

Revisit the lies of the boombox

Gospel Application - *"We live in Corinth. Will you let the truth turn down the boombox?"*

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

⁹Or do you not know that wrongdoers 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 ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And 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.

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. ¹³You 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. ¹⁴By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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." ¹⁷But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹Do 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; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.