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Culture Collision: My Sex Life Is My Business

1 Corinthians 6:12-20: 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.”

Points to Ponder

1. Can you remember a time when society reinforced the belief that sex outside of marriage was committing adultery? How has that changed in society today?
2. What makes having a discussion about human sexuality with someone who doesn't share your belief in God and his Word so difficult? Can you understand why that someone might feel that their sex life is not your business?
3. But as God's redeemed child, your sex life is his business. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12,13. Does God care if society thinks that anything goes sexually? Who does your body belong to according to verse 15?

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:18.** What are we to do in regards to sexual immorality? And why would we do that?

5. By keeping sex inside marriage and by honoring and working on your marriage together with God and your spouse, what are you showing to the world and to the next generation about what God says?

As God's redeemed children, we were bought back from sin and death by Jesus. That makes our bodies God's temples—not our own. Just because society says all things are permissible doesn't mean that God agrees. He's given us his plan for sexuality and marriage, and we honor him and bring him glory when we live our lives according to his will.

What else does God say?

Romans 12:1: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

1 Corinthians 10:31: Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.