

## ***Study Hints for Thinking Further***

### ***International Bible Lessons***

**1 Corinthians 6:11-20**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

#### **1. What might Paul say to an unbeliever who continually disregarded the law of God?**

[Since the person is self-centered] Paul might say: you know, disregarding and disobeying the law of God is not beneficial or helpful to you. Furthermore, it appears by your behavior that you have become addicted (enslaved) to what you are doing and that is harmful to you. You cannot free yourself from your addiction (enslavement) without the help of God. There are consequences here and hereafter, there will be suffering here and hereafter, for those who break God’s laws and refuse to repent. Knowing this, God sent Jesus Christ to save you from your addiction (enslavement to sin) and give you the gift of eternal life if you will believe in Him and repent of your sins. He will send the Holy Spirit to live within you to help you live right every day. You do not need to live in the misery that will result from disregarding God’s law, Jesus will help you if you will go to Him. He is Lord, and He wants to be your Savior.

#### **2. What might Paul say to a believer who continually disregarded the law of God?**

[In addition to reminding the believer of everything in the answer above] Paul might say: you know you were made for the Lord. Since the Holy Spirit came to indwell you, you should use your body to glorify the Lord, and the Holy Spirit will help you do that. You need to stop living in sin, because there are natural consequences and consequences that God will bring upon you if you do not repent and return to following Jesus. If you continue to disregard and disobey the law of God, you will become a slave of Satan and the elemental spirits once again.

#### **3. Why is it important to Christians today that God raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead?**

So we could be washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. So God could conquer Satan and death, and overcome their

influence in our lives through faith in Jesus Christ. So our sins could be forgiven and we would know that we are forgiven. So we could become one in spirit with Jesus. So Jesus could send the Holy Spirit to dwell within our bodies as the temple of God. So we could be raised from the dead as Jesus was by the power of God.

**4. How does knowing that your body is a member of Christ help you overcome temptations to sin?**

I can remind myself that I do not want to involve Jesus in any way by misusing my body and disobeying God.

**5. What was the price that God paid so you could be forgiven for your sins, be cleansed from sin, and be filled with the Holy Spirit? What can you do in response?**

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, had to die on the cross as a substitute for me. He sanctified himself and sacrificed His life so I would not need to die as the penalty I deserve for my sins. In response, I can glorify God in my body.

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