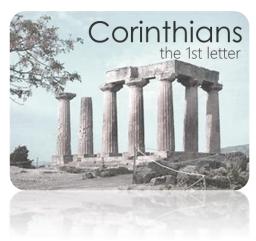
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Jesus said, <u>I will build My Church</u>. And knowing that, Paul gives us many interesting details as to what that lively edifice looks like: Paul speaks to those in Corinth not in hocus pocus spiritual sounding speech, but in meaty familiar context of straight talk. 1 Corinthians 3 when he said:

brothers, I could not speak to you as spiritual, but as carnal sarkikos from sarx, meaning: flesh, the thin veneer on the surface. In Acts we read: the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon all sarx which sounds like a good thing, doesn't it? Paul, a good teacher, who was taught by the Best is not using a condemnatory tone in this 1st letter, much like we hear from self-righteous peddlers. To Romans, Paul wrote: to be carnally minded is death... We should understand that verse: to be only carnally minded is deadly, since God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.



- ¹ If any of you has a legal dispute against another, how dare you go take it to court before the unjust, and not before the saints?
- ² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the trivial cases?
- ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? not to mention those matters related to life?
- ⁴So then, if you have such matters, do you appoint as your judges those who have no respect in the church?
- ⁵I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is not one wise person among you? Not even one who is able to arbitrate between brothers?
- ⁶ Instead brother goes to court against brother, and that before unbelievers.
- ⁷ So now to have legal disputes against one another is already a defeat for you.

Why not rather be wronged? why not rather be defrauded? / when Jesus walked among us, there was not a day He did not have to put up with some nonsense. It's amazing that He didn't just leave one day, saying, You all can go to hell; I'm out of here!

- ⁸No, you do wrong, and defraud, and that is to your own brothers.
- ⁹Do you not know that the wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: no sexual deviants, no idolaters, no sodomites, no passive effeminates males, no adulterers,

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¹⁰ no thieves, no greedy, no drunkards, no riotous party goers, no extortionists,

will inherit the kingdom of God / none of them are needed in God's eternity.

¹¹ And such were some of you: but you are cleaned up, you are set apart, you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God; / judicially declared right; not because we were, but because Jesus who gave His life for us; His eternity will not be populated with trash.



- All things are lawful to me, but all things are not necessary: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any / Paul was not writing new rules for Mount Sinai in Arabia, he knew things were permissible, but he had sense to step back from that freedom.
- ¹³ Food is for the belly, and the belly for food: but God will do away with both of them. The body was not created for immoral sexual, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body.
- ¹⁴ God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by His power.
- ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are part of the body of Christ? Should I then take a part of the body of Christ, and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not.
- ¹⁶ Do you not know that anyone who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? for the two, He said, will become one flesh.
- ¹⁷ But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- ¹⁸ Flee immoral sex. Every other sin that one does is outside the body; but the one who is sexually immoral, sins against his own body. / theft, cheating on a test, hatred is done outside the body,
- ¹⁹ What? Do you not know that your body is the naos / the sacred place of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own...
- ²⁰ for you are bought with a price: So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which belongs to God.

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