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Introduction:

Americans are rightly grateful for the heritage of freedom which has allowed our nation to prosper and attain global influence. In recent days, however, we have been witnessing the dark side of our national values.

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?

Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world?

**And if you are to judge the world, are
you not competent to judge trivial
cases?**

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**Do you not know that we will judge
angels?**

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**How much more the things of this
life!**

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Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church?

I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?

**But instead, one brother takes
another to court — and this in front of
unbelievers!**

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**The very fact that you have lawsuits
among you means you have been
completely defeated already.**

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Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters.

Or 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 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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**And 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.**

**“I have the right to do anything,” you
say—but not everything is beneficial.**

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**“I have the right to do anything”—but
I will not be mastered by anything.**

**You say, “Food for the stomach and
the stomach for food, and God will
destroy them both.”**

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The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

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**Do 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!

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Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body?

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For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

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Flee from sexual immorality.

All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.



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Do 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; you were bought at a price.

Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

*Freedom is effective as a means
to an end, but is destructive
as an end unto itself.*

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This passage reveals five great Pillars of Truth that lead to genuine prosperity!

1. The Holy Spirit makes the Lord's people **COMPETENT JUDGMENTS** to render important — a judgmental spirit and a decision are different things.

2. **WRONGDOERS** will not inherit the kingdom of God--Satan's greatest deception is that we can **SIN** without **CONSEQUENCE!**

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3. There is both **FORGIVENESS** and **CLEANSING** in Jesus Christ — **IS** can become **WAS**.

4. A desire to express absolute **FREEDOM** through the flesh inevitably leads to a condition of absolute physical, emotional, and spiritual **BONDAGE**.

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5. Our bodies are **TEMPLES** of the Holy Spirit and belong to **GOD!**

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*American society is being
destroyed by a relentless attack
on these great pillars of truth.*

These five great Pillars of Deception have gained widespread acceptance and led to a general poverty of mind, body, and spirit!

No truth is absolute for all **TIMES** and all **PEOPLE** — the only absolute is that there are no absolutes.

Truth is relative to **TIME** and **CIRCUMSTANCE**, so there is no higher source of authority and truth than the **INDIVIDUAL**.

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Since there is no truth other than the

PERCEPTIONS of individuals, all things are **PERMISSIBLE**, so long as they do not deprive another individual of his/her own absolute **MORAL** freedom.

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Any activity which is **CONSENSUAL** should be absolutely free of **RESTRAINT** or **REGULATION**.

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What we choose to do with our bodies is an entirely **PERSONAL** and **PRIVATE** matter, although **SOCIETY** has a responsibility to relieve us of any negative consequences.

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Conclusion:

The consequences of a misplaced faith in personal freedom are multiplying. Christians need to lead America in redefining freedom, so that it can again become a means of attaining true prosperity of mind, body, and spirit!

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