

# 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:7

New American Standard Version

1 <sup>12</sup> All things are lawful for me, but not all things are  
2 profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be  
3 mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> Food is for the stomach and the  
4 stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of  
5 them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,  
6 and the Lord is for the body. <sup>14</sup> Now God has not only raised  
7 the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. <sup>15</sup> Do  
8 you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall  
9 I then take away the members of Christ and make them  
10 members of a prostitute? May it never be! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not  
11 know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one  
12 body *with her*? For He says, “THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE  
13 FLESH.”<sup>17</sup> But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one  
14 spirit *with Him*. <sup>18</sup> Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a  
15 man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins  
16 against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body  
17 is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have  
18 from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have  
19 been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your  
20 body. <sup>7:1</sup> Now concerning the things about which you  
21 wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman. <sup>2</sup> But  
22 because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife,  
23 and each woman is to have her own husband. <sup>3</sup> The husband  
24 must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife  
25 to her husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her  
26 own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the  
27 husband does not have authority over his own body, but the  
28 wife *does*. <sup>5</sup> Stop depriving one another, except by  
29 agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to  
30 prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt  
31 you because of your lack of self-control. <sup>6</sup> But this I say by  
32 way of concession, not of command. <sup>7</sup> Yet I wish that all  
33 men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his  
34 own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

**Observation (What does it say?):**

*Circle all Paul’s references to the body.*

*Mark positive things + he says about the body.*

*Mark negative things he says – about the body.*

*Underline any specific and clear commands.*

**Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

*Based on his statements in this passage, what is Paul’s view on the importance or significance of our bodies?*

*How does Paul relate the body to God (likely the Father), to Christ (the Son), and to the Holy Spirit? How do our bodies relate to the Trinity?*

*How does Paul apply his view of the body to sex?*

**Application (What does it mean for me?):**

*What parts of this text make you uncomfortable?*

*What parts of Paul’s teaching seem extreme?*

*What do you do with passages that make you uncomfortable or seem extreme?*

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## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### **Observation** (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

### **Interpretation** (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### **Application** (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,  
but draw everything from them,  
and suffer nothing to remain hidden  
that is really in them.  
J.A. Benael (1687-1752)**