

UNCENSORED

## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

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## FREE BUT NOT FREE

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- While Christ has taken away our sin, this does not give us the freedom to go on doing what we know is wrong.
- Some actions are not sinful themselves, but they are not appropriate because they can control our lives and lead us away from God.

## OK BUT NOT OK

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- Corinthians are giving excuses that just as food is for the stomach so is sex. I have the right to have sex cause its good for me.
- Our body, mind, heart and spirit are one. Christ and us are one.

## LAWFUL BUT UNLAWFUL

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- God made us to be like Him. We were never made for Satan.

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- Fleeing from temptation at your doorstep

## 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

### The Need for Self-Discipline

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.