

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Math - I, Body - I, Nature - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2	The logic of this passage is similar to Paul’s argument about eating meat offered to idols. Yes, I can do it because that system has no power over me. But no, I won’t do it because the effect could harm someone I’m connected with in Christ (a “weak” believer wrt food, or Christ himself wrt sex).	In the “Treehouse of Horror IV” episode of <i>The Simpsons</i> , Homer sells his soul to the devil (Ned) for a donut. He is ultimately saved from Hell because Marge testifies that Homer pledged his soul to her when they were married, so it was not legally his to bargain with. Paul uses similar logic w.r.t. a believer making a deal with a prostitute when the believer’s body and soul belong to Christ. A 3-body gravitational system , especially where the three are of similar	

		<p>mass, is inherently unstable. Almost always one body will be ejected from the system while the other two find a stable orbit. Or as seen in this simulation with two suns and a planet, the system appears never to resolve into a stable configuration. The planet orbits both suns chaotically.</p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic MWD</p>	<p>Paul's argument focuses on the value of the body.</p>	<p>Here is what you get when you Google "consequences of prostitution". The argument that it is a victimless crime seems thin and unsustainable in many of these links.</p> <p>Wikipedia has a non-exhaustive list of organization throughout the world that work with victims of sex trafficking. Does your community have a group that does the same? Is this an opportunity to begin exploring financial and spiritual support for victims in your area?</p>	
<p>Musical</p>			
<p>Natural D2</p>		<p>A Parable of Potholes (about half way down the page)</p> <p>An illustration of how water and pressure combine to wreak havoc on roadways and suspension systems in our automobiles. A fantastic parallel about allowing creeping rationalizations into our own spiritual</p>	

		roadways and the destruction it can cause.	
People - Interpersonal	Fellowship in the Corinth church had deteriorated into power grabs, cliques, and one-upsmanship.	<p>“When Paul redefines the identity of his male addressees in Corinth, by asking them to renounce their visits to prostitutes, he challenges their status as free men, and invites them to embody another type of identity, the one of slave of Christ. The question thus is not so much about morality than about the type of identity one embraces.”</p> <p>~ Valerie Nicolet Anderson, WP</p> <p>In this way, Paul is asking the men of Corinth (and of today, imo) to renounce a system of living that degrades and denigrates. It is sort of a first century repudiation - a #MeToo movement - of the network that allows sexual predation to occur.</p>	<p>“Our culture, unfortunately, equates desire with having, and we know it does not work because if we have one, we’ll want two, and when we get two, we’ll want the whole set, and when we have the whole set, we want the whole collection, and then we want the greater collection. We want to have more than anybody else, and when we have all of that, we still want more. And we’re trapped. Things dominate.” ~Robert Giannini, Day 1</p> <p>Discuss how this desire for more might manifest itself in a congregation. Has it shown up in yours?</p> <p>Someone said if you get what you desired and are not satisfied, then you did not get what you truly desired.</p> <p>Dalai Lama says something like:</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	Vs 12 -- “... I will not be dominated”		<p>Sometimes things compete with our relationship with Christ (and God’s relationship of love for the world). Paul’s logic challenges inconsistency with that primary relationship, whatever form it takes.</p> <p>Question: what competes against God? What do we allow to dominate even though we declare otherwise?</p>