

First Corinthians 6:9-11

Remember what you have been taught about the sinfulness of sin—6:9a

- 1) A reminder—⁹ *Do you^{pl} not know that the unrighteous* (cf. 6:1-2) *will not inherit the kingdom of God?* (assumes a positive answer)
 - a) Inheriting the “kingdom of God”
 - i) A phrase found 70 times in the NT. A parallel phrase is “kingdom of heaven” which is found only in Matthew (32 times)
 - ii) The future, visible, ultimate manifestation of God the Father as king.
- 2) A command—*Do not be deceived!*
 - a) A command also found in: Matthew 24:4; Mark 13:5; Luke 21:8; 1st Corinthians 15:33; Galatians 6:7; James 1:16

List of 10 habitual sins that exclude people from God’s kingdom—6:9b-10

- 1) The habitual practice of sins explained (cf. 5:10-11)
 - a) Sexual perversion
 - i) *Neither the sexually immoral*,—a broad term including fornication, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, bestiality, etc. (cf. 5:9-10; 6:9)
 - ii) *nor idolaters*,—one who worships idols (cf. 5:10; 6:9; 10:7)
 - iii) *nor adulterers*,—a married person who has sexual relations outside of their marriage
 - iv) *nor passive homosexuals/catamites*,—one who gives himself to be used homosexually by other men
 - v) *nor practicing aggressive homosexuals*,—one who actively pursues the homosexual use of other men (cf. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27)
 - b) Social perversion
 - i) ¹⁰ *nor the greedy*,—one who unrestrainedly wants more (cf. 5:10; 6:10)
 - ii) *nor thieves*,—one who wrongly takes what God has assigned to others
 - iii) *nor drunkards*,—one who is regularly intoxicated (cf. 6:10)
 - iv) *nor verbal abusers*,—one who attacks others with speech (cf. 6:10)
 - v) *nor swindlers*,—one who forcefully goes after the possessions of others (cf. 5:10; 6:10)
- 2) (None of these) *will inherit the kingdom of God.*
 - a) These sinful behaviors are indications of the wrong view of God and His will.

The transforming power of God—6:11

- 1) Horrific recognition—¹¹ *And some* (of you^{pl}) *were* (habitually in past times) ***these things*** (emphatic), (cf. the drastic change is noted in 1st John 3:6)
- 2) Definitive transformation—*but ...*
 - a) What did God the Father do? (cf. the reverse order is listed in 1:30)
 - i) *you^{pl} washed yourselves* (from the filth of your sin), (cf. 6:9b-10; Acts 22:16; Titus 3:5; Revelation 1:5)
 - ii) *but you^{pl} were set apart* (from the wickedness of your sin), (cf. 1st Corinthians 1:2)
 - iii) *but you^{pl} were declared righteous* (from the guilt of your sin) (cf. Romans 8:33)
 - b) How did the Father do this? Note the double sphere
 - i) Objectively—*in the name of the Lord Jesus*,
 - ii) Subjectively—*and in the Spirit of our God.*

Take-home truth: As someone once said, “Only God can untwist twisted perversions.”