

The Ten Commandments

Bible Law Course

Applying God's Law In Today's World

Whenever a Christian expresses righteous indignation about some criminal activity, speaks out against misconduct in our society, or suggests that certain pornographic publications should be banned, someone is quick to cry out "separation of church and state," "freedom of the press," "you shouldn't judge others," or "judge not lest you be judged."

The wicked even say, "don't try to force your religion upon us." Yes, the wicked know that civil and criminal law is religion! Their non-Christian religion requires different civil and criminal laws. They then hypocritically force the laws and moral code of their religion upon Christians.

1 Corinthians 6

In 1 Corinthians 6 three Greek words are translated "**Judge.**" Here are the definitions of words #2919, #2922 and #1252 as found in Strong's Concordance.

#2919 (verse 2 & 3) Properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication to try, condemn, punish.

#2922 (verse 2) a rule of judging ("criterion"), i.e., (by implication) a tribunal.

#1252 (verse 5) to separate thoroughly, to withdraw from or by implication oppose; to discriminate (by implication, decide) or hesitate.

Now, with these definitions in mind, before answering the following questions, read 1 Corinthians 6.

(1) Suppose that you and another Christian are members of the same church. This person's son stole your lawn mower. If you can't settle the problem privately, to whom do you present your complaint? (Verse 1)

- a. To the pastor first. b. To the police first.

(2) Who shall judge (2919) the world? (Verse 2 & Revelation 5:10)

- a. Christians are not to judge others.
 b. Christians are to judge the world.

(3) Are Christians (who know God's Law) qualified to sit in judgement over the actions of others?

- a. Christians should never sit in judgement over others.
 b. Christians have divine authority to judge the world.

(4) Are Christians to judge worldly situations? (Verse 3)

- a. Christians should be concerned with "spiritual" things, not material things.
 b. Christians have authorization to judge earthly things.

(5) Do you see why humanists and liberals become frantic whenever a Christian makes statements concerning standards of conduct? (You may recall that Lesson One pointed out that the Supreme Court has declared that the United States is a Christian nation.)

- () a. Well, we have no right to set other people's standards. That would be bigotry.
- () b. Yes, they are afraid that we will use the authority Christ gave us to set standards of moral conduct with in our Christian nation.

The word "bigot" goes back to an occasion in the middle ages when a committee asked a king to do wrong. His answer, "No, by Got!" In those days God was pronounced "Got." Because the king wanted to do it God's way; he became known as a "by got." Today, if you try to do anything God's way, watch how quickly the wicked correctly identify you as a "bigot," i.e., one who does things God's way.

(6) Liberals and other anti-Christ people are easily upset whenever anyone suggests that freedom of the press is limited by God's Law. In their eyes, burning their books is an unforgivable sin. What does Paul think about book burners? (Acts 19:13-20)

- () a. Paul wouldn't burn or censor books. Paul would let everyone decide for himself what he should or should not read.
- () b. Paul incited Christians to burn anti-Christian books valued at 50,000 pieces of silver.

(7) How long will it take Christians to burn all the anti-Christian materials in the form of movies, video tapes, magazines, books, drugs, bankers' usury records, etc. that our enemies have been using as weapons against us? (Ezekiel 39:8-10 may provide a clue.)

Here are verses 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 1 Corinthians 6 as found in the FERRAR FENTON translation:

(8) Where are you most likely to find justice?

- () a. With a Jewish Lawyer before a Jewish Judge in a worldly court.
- () b. Before and among Christian brethren.

In 1 Corinthians 6:12 we apparently find Paul doing away with the law. In the FERRAR FENTON version the difficulty in understanding these verses is cleared up. Verses 12-14 are shown as a conversation between Paul and a Sophist. Since the King James Version does not show these verses as a two party conversation, we think Paul said things he did not say. Here are verses 12-14 as found in the Ferrar Fenton Translation.

On Litigation.

Should any of you, having an action **8** against another, ask for a decision before the wicked, and not rather before the holy? Or do you not know **2** that the holy will judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you incapable of the smallest arbitrations? Do you not know that **3** we shall judge angels?—then why not business matters? Therefore, if **4** you should have business affairs requiring arbitrations, should they appear before those who have been denied authority in the assembly? I **5** speak to shame you, as it seems there is not an intelligent man among you: not even one, who is able to determine a matter between his brothers; instead, brother is at law with brother, **6** and that, too, before unbelievers.

All Exposure of Sophistry

Sophist: 1. A wise man in ancient Greece, any of a group of teachers of rhetoric, philosophy, etc., some of whom were notorious for their clever, specious arguments. 2. A learned person. 3. Any person, practicing clever, specious reasoning. A modern term is "Humanist."

Sophistical: A characteristic of sophists or sophistry. 2. Clever and plausible, but misleading.

Now that you know what a "sophisticated" person is like, let's listen to a short conversation between Paul and a sophist/humanist; (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

In 2 Peter 3:16 Peter said that Paul wrote many things hard to be understood. These verses are hard to understand, especially when we do not know they are a two way conversation. Also, sometimes what the verse does not say is as important as what it does say. While we may not always know what a verse says, we can clearly see the following:

(9) Paul showed that the law was put away when he said in 1 Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me."

() True. () False.

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

King James

An Exposure of Sophistry.

12 (Sophist.) "Everything is allowable to me."
 (Paul.) "But everything does not benefit."
 (Sophist.) "Everything is permissible to me."
 (Paul.) "But I will not be deluded by any."

13 (Sophist.) "The foods for the stomach, and the stomach for the foods."
 (Paul.) "But God can abolish both it and them. And the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body—through the same God Who raised up the Lord, and will also restore us through the power of Him. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Then shall I take the members of Christ and make them portions of a harlot?"

14 Never! For do you not know that union with the harlot constitutes one body? For He says: THE TWO SHALL EXIST AS ONE BODY,¹ But the union with the Lord is one spirit.

15 Fly from fornication! Every other sin that a man can do is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against his own constitution. Or, do you not know that your body is a sanctuary for the Holy Spirit, which you had from God to live in? And you are not your own: for you were dearly bought; therefore honour God with your body."

Ferrar Fenton

(10) Because Paul said, **“All things are lawful to me,”** then we can, without sin, become involved in the activities listed in verses 9 and 10.

- True**, the law is done away in Jesus. Many sophisticated clergymen assure me this is correct.
- False**, because Paul said no such thing.

Part of this lesson is a test of your ability to apply God's Law to everyday situations. We are to apply both the letter and the spirit of God's Law personally and nationally. Here is an example of how Paul applied the spirit of the Law to a common church problem:



Paul Provides Us With An Example

In 1 Corinthians 9:7-14, Paul was rebuking the congregation. Like the “freeloaders” and “do-nothings” in present day Christianity, the Christians of Corinth were not contributing to the support of Paul's ministry. They were not tithing or giving free will offerings. Paul based his argument upon Bible Law. In verse 9 Paul quotes Deuteronomy 25:4,

“Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.” Then Paul asked, “Doth God take care for oxen?” The answer to Paul's question is found in verses 10-14. Paul made the following points;

(11)

A. God wrote “these things” for our sakes.

- True False

B. The minister provides the people with spiritual things, the people provide the minister with material things.

- True. False.

C. If you do not support those that provide spiritual things you are “muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn and thereby breaking God's Law.

- True. False.

(12) The Bible is full of examples for our benefit. In fact, it is our book of “case law.” Romans 15:4 reads;

“For whatsoever things written afore time were written for our _____.”

(13) What were the things “written afore time?”

- a. Plato, Aristotle and Aquinus. b. The New Testament. c. The Old Testament.

(14) 1 Corinthians 10:11 reads, “Now all these things (mentioned in verses 1-10) happened unto them for

_____ ;

and they are written for our _____ ,”

15) If we do not give heed to this KEY to Bible understanding, Paul warns us in verse 1 that we would be _____.

Applying God's Law Today

16) Your son wants to have a "Jesus Loves Me" tattoo put on his arm.

- a. Approve. b. Disapprove.

17) Two men are running for public office. One is not of your race and seems well qualified. The other is of your race and somewhat less than brilliant. **Who should you vote for?**

- a. The man of your race. b. The man of another race.

18) The President is having lunch with the Russian Ambassador. How many alcoholic drinks may he have?

- a. One or two.
 b. As many as he can hold.
 c. None.

Right? or Wrong

19) Negro-White marriages are approved by Billy Graham and;

- a. Jesus Christ. b. Satan; the Devil.

20) Charging of interest on a loan is;

- a. A reasonable fee for a service. b. Theft.

21) When the husband came home, he found that a door-to-door salesman has sold his wife a vacuum cleaner. Can the husband void the sale upon finding out about it?

- Yes. No.

22) Can he think about it a few days or must he make his decision that day?

- a. He must act that day. b. He can think about it.

23) A young man seduces a maiden in lovers lane. They are to;

- a. Be put to death. c. Be put out of the church.
 b. Be given proper birth control advice. d. Become man and wife.

24) If married, may he at a later time divorce her?

- Yes. No.

25) Abortion is; (Do not consider any possible exceptions.)

- a. The women's legal civil right. b. Murder.



(26) Does the old saying, "Let the buyer beware" violate any part of God's Law?

- Yes. No.

(27) The penalty for inter-racial marriage is;

- a. life in prison.
 b. Death.
 c. No penalty if they really love each other and both are Christians.

(28) If you borrow your, neighbor's lawnmower and it breaks in use, are you obligated to have it fixed? (You did not break it. It failed through normal wear and tear.)

- Yes. No.

(29) If you rent your neighbor's "lawnmower and it breaks in use, are you obligated to have it fixed? (You did not break it. It failed through normal wear and tear.)

- Yes. No.

(30) The Y.M.C.A. has a father-son activity in which the children dress up like Indians. They take Indian names, learn Indian customs and meet around a Totem Pole. Is it O.K. for your children to participate in these activities?

- Yes. No.

(31) If you were a Congressman, would you vote for any treaty with Soviet Russia?

- Yes. No.

(32) You are on the town council. Buddhists want to build a temple in your town. Would you grant a building permit?

- Yes. No.

(33) A Unites States Senator held a press conference on Capitol Hill. He cursed out the Christian religious right with a generous assortment of "hells" and "damns." The Senator said he shares many of their views, but that they are diverting attention from 'the vital issues', besides, "from where do they claim the right to dictate their moral beliefs to me?" **Could you answer the Senator's question, "from where do they claim the right to dictate their moral beliefs to me?"**

(34) Rather than apply God's Law to the situation, the judicial system sends a convicted murderer to prison. Later the convict is released on parole. The ex-convict murders again. If Moses were the judge, what would he do to the person or persons who let the convict out of prison? (Exodus 21)

Moses would _____



(35) From time to time the World War 2 “holocaust” makes news. It is the subject of un-ending T.V. programing. What if it were all a hoax? What if charges were brought before a lawful court. And what if the decision of the jury was “The Jews, as a group, have falsely accused the German nation of murdering six million Jews. The jury further finds that the Jews have collectively borne false witness against the German people in violation of the ‘Genocide Laws,’ and further, this propaganda caused mental suffering to people of German ancestry.” If Moses were the judge, what, if anything, would he do about it? (Deuteronomy 19)

(36) Jesus Christ is having dinner at a restaurant. What will He have for dinner? Here is the menu;

Appetizer

- () Shrimp Cocktail.
- () Tomato Juice.

Soup

- () Mushroom.
- () Clam Chowder.
- () Chicken Noodle.
- () Oyster Stew.

Main Course

- () Shrimp.
- () Pork Chops.
- () Lobster.
- () “T”- Bone Steak.

Wizard of Id



(37) In your opinion, how did the King of Id do in judging this matter?

The King of Id _____

(38) If the king acted justly, what was the violation of law that allowed the King to put the man to death?

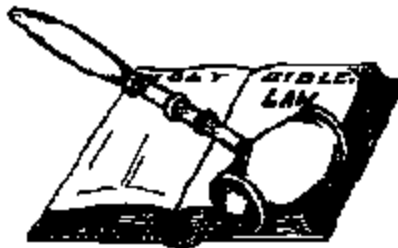
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We're sure that you will join the ranks of many who agree that they have learned more about the Bible than they did in Bible college, seminary or all the years they spent going to Church and Sunday School.

We would be grateful for your recommendations to others you think might benefit from this course.

May God bless you and use you in his service.



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Lesson Sixteen

Test Sheet

1. () a.
() b.

2. () a.
() b.

3. () a.
() b.

4. () a.
() b.

5. () a.
() b.

6. () a.
() b.

7. _____

8. () a.
() b.

9. () True.
() False.

10. () True.
() False.

11. A. () True. B. () True. C. () True.
() False. () False. () False.

12. For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our
_____ .

13. () a. () b. () c.

14. Now all these things happened unto them for _____
and they are written for our _____ ,”

15. If we do not give heed we would be _____ .

16. () a.
() b.

17. () a.
() b.

19. () a.
() b.

20. () a.
() b.

21. () Yes.
() No.

22. () a.
() b.

23. () a.
() b.
() c.
() d.

24. () Yes.
() No.

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- 25.** () a. **26.** () Yes.
() b. () No.
- 27.** () a.
() b.
() c.
- 28.** () Yes.
() No.

- 29.** () Yes.
() No.
- 30.** () Yes.
() No.
- 31.** () Yes.
() No.
- 32.** () Yes.
() No.

33. _____

34. My decision is, they _____

35. _____

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| 36. | APPETIZER | SOUP | MAIN COURSE |
| | () Shrimp cocktail. | () Mushroom. | () Baked ham. |
| | () Tomato juice. | () Clam chowder. | () Pork chops. |
| | | () Chicken noodle. | () Lobster. |
| | | () Oyster stew. | () "T" bone steak. |

37. In my opinion the King of Id _____

38. _____
