

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

Praying Through 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for inspiring the Apostle Paul and other New Testament writers to give us good practical advice and rules for living after we have received and believed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Indeed, Jesus saved us so we could follow Him, honor Him, love Him, and live with Him forever. We thank You that all the daily encouragement we receive is based on what Jesus Christ has promised, done, and will do for us. Indeed, our sins could not have been justly and mercifully given, and we could not have had our spirits cleansed from all sin, if Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, had not sanctified and sacrificed himself perfectly and willingly for us when He died upon the cross in our place. Even more, we could not even begin to obey His commandments more consistently if He had not chosen to unite himself in spirit with us and send us the Holy Spirit into us so that our bodies became the temple of God. We know that if we do evil or misuse our minds and bodies in any immoral way that we have done so despite all You have done for us and continue to do for us from the inside out. We pray that when we are tempted that we would remember all You have done and are doing for us so that we will not misuse our bodies or minds. And yet in the past, we have knowingly and unknowingly misused ourselves in thoughts, words, and deeds in many ways. If it were not for all that Jesus Christ has done for us and still does for us, we would be hopeless. Please sanctify us in the Truth for You and Your Word are true Truth. Please help us pray for Your Spirit to enlighten us and apply the teachings of the Bible to our way of living as we study the Bible and seek to obey You in everything. Please help us so we do not use false logic or follow our feelings to evade what You want us to do as we study Your Word written and learn right from wrong from Your Holy Way. Please anoint us once again and keep us filled with Your Holy Spirit so we can bring You happiness by all we say and do. As we pray and read the Bible, remind us that no matter what we have thought or done in the past, by grace and faith in You our forgiveness and cleansing is possible when we ask. We trust in all Your promises and the work of the Holy Spirit in us, especially knowing that in Christ Jesus all those who receive Him and believe Him can be forgiven, made new, and prepared to be with You and all who love You forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.