



1 Corinthians

Messy
church



Cultural context

Paul is answering specific questions about:

1. Marriage Ch 7
 2. Food Sacrifices Ch 8
 3. Public Worship Ch 11
 4. Spiritual gifts Ch 12
 5. Generosity 16:1-4
- These were answered with the current culture in mind.
 - We extrapolate the principles and apply it to our culture.
 - Look at the context of Scripture as a whole.

3 Ways to determine morality

1. Each person decides their own morality
2. Government decides the morality for the masses
3. A transcendent moral law given by God

Genesis 1:16 But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”



What happens when people do not live according to God's Word?

Romans 1:28-32 (NLT)

28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.

29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarrelling, deception, malicious behaviour, and gossip.

30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.

31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.

32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.



God's Standard

Exodus 20:1-17 (NLT)

1 *Then God gave the people all these instructions:*

2 *"I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.*

3 *"You must not have any other god but me.*

4 *"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.*

7 *"You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.*

8 *"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 You have six days each week for your ordinary work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.*

12 *"Honour your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.*

13 *"You must not murder.*

14 *"You must not commit adultery.*

15 *"You must not steal.*

16 *"You must not testify falsely against your neighbour.*



17 “You must not covet your neighbour’s house. You must not covet your neighbour’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbour.”

Conclusion

- God designed us
- God instructed us on how to live
- You decide to obey or disobey

