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I Corinthians 6:9-11

Review of the Standard

- God is the standard
- Jesus asked a man "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" - Luke 18:19
- When we talk about righteous and unrighteous we must remember that we are not talking about our standard, our neighbors standard, our cultures standard.
- God is the only standard
- We can know his standard through what he tells us in the Bible.

Our Tendency

- When we come to a passage like 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 our tendency is to apply the wrong standard
- I use my culture, my neighbors, myself as the standard
- All of these have ME at the center
- When I am at the center my tendency is to read a passage like this and apply it to someone else.

What Should happen

- Isaiah 6:5 - after seeing God on his throne, seeing the standard of righteousness - "I'm ruined"
- Revelation 1:17 - after seeing Jesus alive and glorified, the sinless lamb of God - "I fell at his feet as though dead"

When we read we should be convicted of our unrighteousness not convinced of someone else's

The List

- There are Similar lists
 - Gal 5:19-21
 - Eph 5:3-6
 - Rev 22:12-16
- In Galatians and Ephesians Paul indicates that these lists are not exhaustive when he makes the statements "and the like" (Gal), and "such things" (Eph)
- Sexually immoral
 - Any sexual activity outside the covenant of marriage
 - Word literally means a male prostitute but by NT time it was the generic word for all illicit sexual activity
- Idolitues
 - One who worships an image or idol
- Adulturers
- Sexual immorality that violates the covenant of marriage

- Men who practice homosexuality
 - There are actually two words here
 - If you are reading the NASB, KJV, NKJV, NLV your list is going to include
 - one extra item
 - In the NASB, and the KJV you will see “effeminate” and “homosexuals” (NASB) or “abusers of themselves with mankind” (KJV)
 - The word translated “effeminate” comes from the root that communicates an inability to be strong
 - In reference to clothing it pertains to being yielding to touch - soft (Luke 7:25)
 - In in reference to a person it pertains to the passive participant in a same-sex relationship
 - In the NKJV you will read “homosexuals” and “sodomites”
 - In the NLV you will read “male prostitutes” and “practice homosexuality”
 - If you are reading the ESV, or NIV you will find the idea of the active and passive aspect of homosexuality communicated in one line item
 - In the ESV “men who practice homosexuality”
 - In the NIV “men who have sex with men”
 - Paul is eliminating any loophole for sexual relations outside of marriage between a man and a women.
- Thieves
 - Where we get our word kleptomaniac
- Greedy
 - One who desires more than they need
- Drunkards
- Revilers
 - Highly insulting and abusive speech
- Swindlers
 - One who aggressively seeks self promotion at the expense of another

The Hope

- “Such were some of you” (vs 11)
 - Meaning: all of you were some of that
- But
 - you were washed - cleaned
 - You were sanctified - set apart
 - You were justified - made righteous

