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### Monday

<u>1Cor. 6:11</u> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

A more enlightening, inspiring, and promising verse has never been found. There is no place for boasting by anyone in the church or by the church itself, except in the grace of Jesus. For we were as despicable as any other, apart from Christ – "*such* were some of you." But we have been redeemed by the gracious sacrifice of the Savior, and now what we 'were' is past – "such *were* some of you." Gloriously, when we stand before God we stand forgiven, cleansed, and made whole. In Christ we have been "justified in the name of Jesus." It doesn't matter who you are or what you have done, God loves you and has a great plan for your future – in Jesus.

### Tuesday

<u>1Cor. 5:1</u> It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles...

The sad and frustrating reality is that Christians are capable of committing the most heinous acts of sin. Salvation does not make you immune to the temptations or the consequences of sin. Grace brings redemption and the power to overcome your sinful nature, but if you choose to walk in the 'flesh', if you walk in the realm of the devil's world, you will fall to the traps of the devil's snares. You and I are foolish if we fail to guard our ways. We are deceived if we think we are immune to temptation and sin, even the worst of sins. The word says, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12)

## Wednesday

<u>1Cor. 6:18</u> Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

Yes, sexually transmitted diseases are a judgment upon sin. To deny it is not being tolerant or kind. Smoking often leads to lung disease. Would the doctor be more kind if he withheld that truth? It isn't that God is looking for an excuse to zap a sinner – surely He has enough reason to do so already with everyone of us. But we were built, spiritually, psychologically, and physically, to conform to standards of the creator. When we are used in other ways and in other purposes, we break, we wreck, we prematurely fall apart. Immorality is especially harmful to the systems of mankind. Mentally, physically, spiritually: deviation from God's plan is disaster.

# Thursday

<u>1Cor. 6:19-20</u> Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you... You have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Everything that you are becomes a reflection of God to a lost world. If you profess Jesus as Savior and Lord, but live as if immorality is moral, or sin is not sinful, then the world sees a distorted image of God. The Holy Spirit abides in you. Would you dare house Him in a thief's den or a harlot's house? Would you provide him room in a pig's sty or do you wish to give Him the beautiful and cleansed temple He deserves. Allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse the temple and abide therein.

## Friday

<u>1Cor. 10:13</u> No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

The 'way of escape' is most often available before you start down the road to the sinful site, not after you have entered its gates. The way out of trouble is most often found before you enter into trouble's door. Pray and think now about the places of temptation in your life. How will you keep from getting on the road leading to sin? Turn now. Choose different directions. Later may be too late.