

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

WISDOM IN SEXUALITY





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- The Strangeness of Biblical Sexuality
- The High Calling of Biblical Sexuality
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The Strangeness of Biblical Sexuality

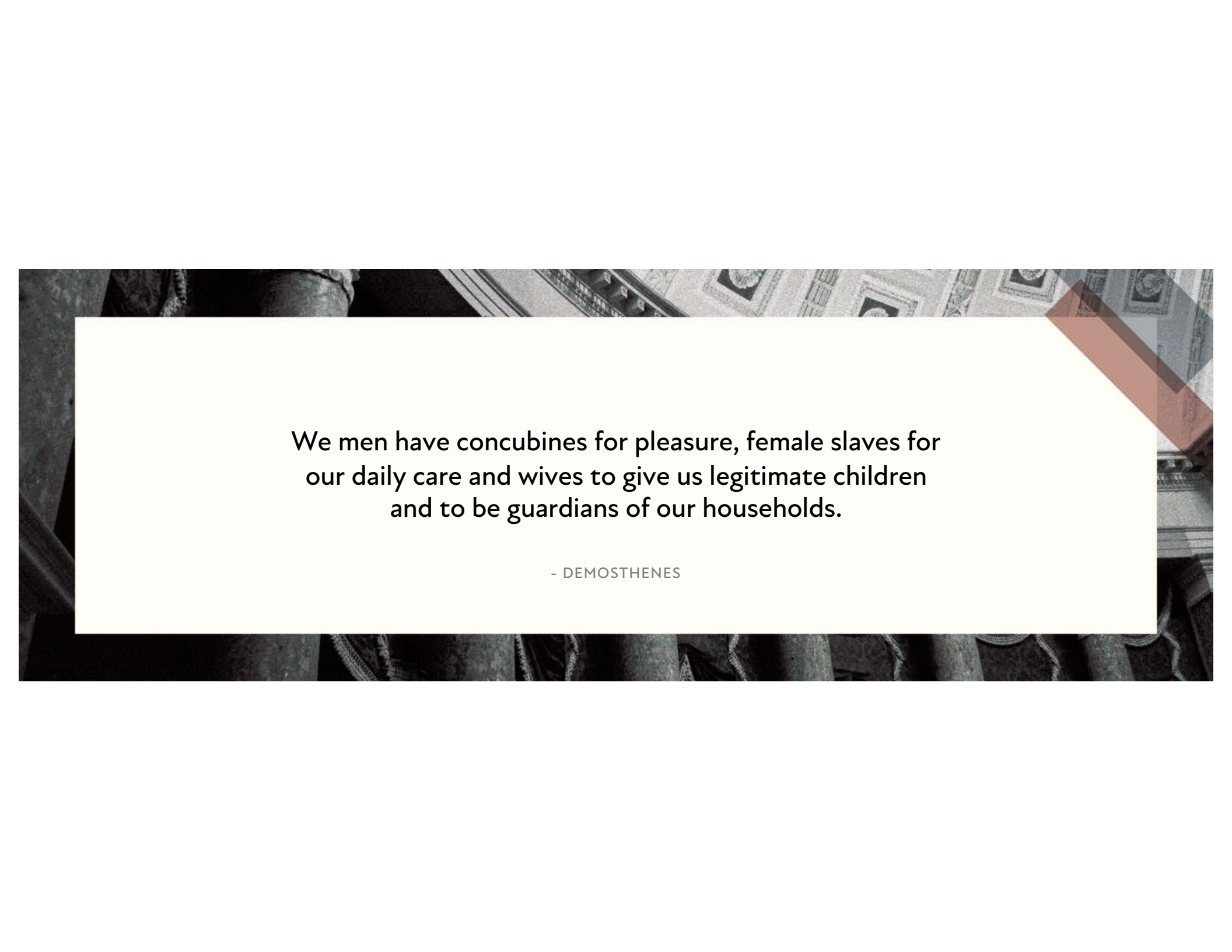
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The Strangeness of Biblical Sexuality

1 Corinthians 6:15-16a ^{NIV}

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We men have concubines for pleasure, female slaves for
our daily care and wives to give us legitimate children
and to be guardians of our households.

- DEMOSTHENES

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The High Calling of Biblical Sexuality

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CONSUMER

You adjust to me
or I'm out of here.

COVENANT

I adjust to you for the
sake of the relationship.

The High Calling of Biblical Sexuality

Song of Solomon 1:1-2, 4a ^{NIV}

Solomon's Song of Songs.

² Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
for your love is more delightful than wine.

⁴ Take me away with you—let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers.

The High Calling of Biblical Sexuality

Song of Solomon 4:10-11a ^{NIV}

How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride!
How much more pleasing is your love than wine,
and the fragrance of your perfume
more than any spice!

¹¹ Your lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride;
milk and honey are under your tongue.



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¹⁸ Flee from **sexual immorality**. All other sins a person commits are outside the **body**, but whoever **sins sexually**, sins against their own **body**. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your **bodies** are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your **bodies**.

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1 Corinthians 6:18b ^{NET}

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Corinthian Misunderstandings

1. Everything is permissible (6:12)
(thus, sex with a prostitute is permissible)
2. Food issues no longer matter, because the body will be destroyed (6:13)
(thus, sex issues don't matter either)
3. All sins are outside the body (6:18)
(thus, sexual sin with the body doesn't matter)

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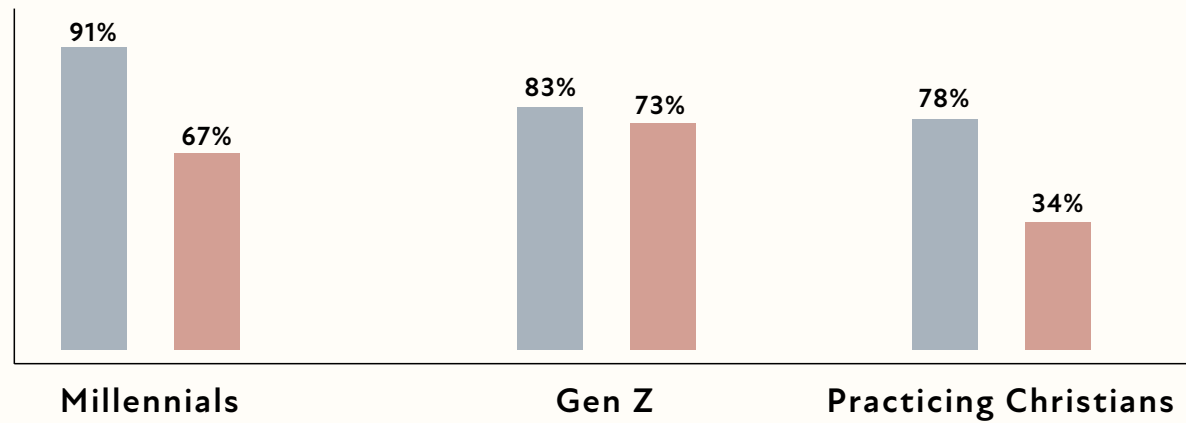
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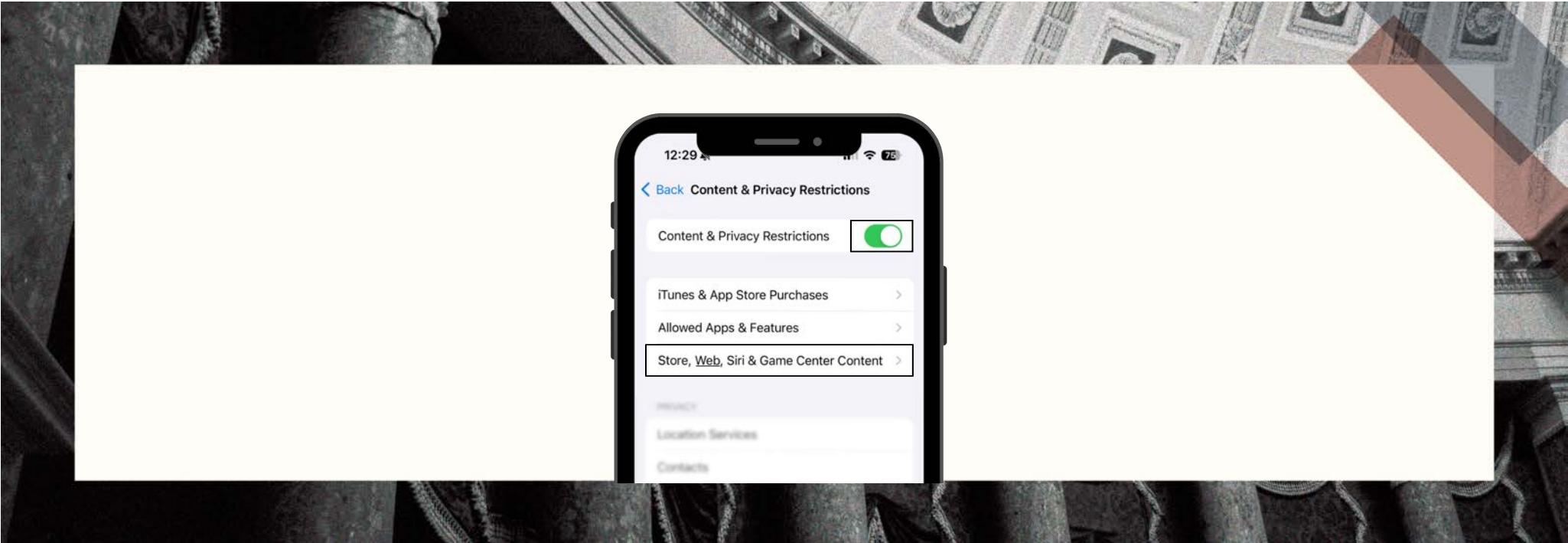


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