

ABUSE

MEANING:

1. Improper treatment or employment; application to a wrong purpose
2. A corrupt practice or custom.
3. Rude speech; reproachful language addressed to a person; reviling words
4. Seduction

ABUSE OF PHYSICAL THINGS:

1. Sexual perversions: Genesis 19:5-9; 31-38
Angels came to Sodom and Lot's home
Men of Sodom came to Lot's home demanding these "men" be brought out so they could be intimate with them.
The fact Lot was even willing to give his daughters to the men of Sodom was appalling.
Verses 31-38: The sexual perversions of being a part (living in Sodom) and even Lot willing to give his daughters to the sexually perverted men of Sodom is passed on to his daughters. They are willing (sexual abuse to their father) to have sex with their father (getting him drunk and having sex with him). This shows the influence Sodom's incest had on them. We cannot be a part of the world and God's kingdom as well. The result from their acts: 2 boys whose descendants were enemies of Israel. Taking matters into our own hands never works.
2. Immoral acts: 1 Corinthians 6:9
Those involved in those things listed will not inherit God's kingdom. We are not to be deceived by believing anything else.
3. Torture: Judges 16:21
Samson being abused through torture.

ABUSE OF SPIRITUAL THINGS:

1. Misuse of authority: Numbers 20:10-13
Moses (in his anger and frustration) misuses his authority and brings God's anger on him as a result.
1 Corinthians 9:18: Paul was not about to abuse his God given authority by charging for the preaching of the Gospel. His only goal was to glorify God and bring people to Christ and not to have material gain. His reward he knew was not to be of natural or material things.
2. Using the world wrongly: 1 Corinthians 7:31
We are not to use the world to excess as a matter of indulgences, or to make that the main object and purpose of our living.
3. Perverting the truth: 2 Peter 2:10-22
These are false teachers who are perverting the truth of God's Word.

4. Corrupting God's ordinances: 1 Samuel 2:12-17

Sons of Eli were abusing the office of the priesthood as well as the meeting place (Tabernacle). They had no regard for God. Eli was also at fault for not dealing with his sons as he should have. God was not happy with him either or the mild reprimand he gave to his sons.

1 Corinthians 11:17-22: The Corinthian church had come to abuse the true meaning and purpose of the Lord's Supper. It had turned into a time of self-centered indulgence. In fact, an experience meant to build up the church was actually having the opposite effect.

ABUSE MANIFESTED BY:

1. The unbelieving: Mark 15:29-32

Jesus: receiving verbal abuse from people passing by, chief priests and scribes

ABUSERS: They will not inherit the kingdom of God: 1 Corinthians 6:9