

YOUR BODY, GOD'S TEMPLE
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

YOUR BODY IS MORE THAN WHERE YOU LIVE—GOD LIVES WITH YOU!

I. GOD'S PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE APPETITES OF THE BODY YOU COHABIT (v. 12)

- A. God gives you physical desires and needs.
- B. You may freely enjoy your body—no shame!
- C. Freedom has its limits.
- 1) “Not everything is beneficial.” QUESTION 1: Is it beneficial?
- 2) “I will not be mastered by anything.” QUESTION 2: Is it enslaving?

II. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING YOUR BODY (vv. 13-20)

- A. God made your body to be used, not abused!
- 1) Your body is not just for your enjoyment.
- 2) Your body is for God and you to share together.
- 3) Your body is joined with Christ.

B. God made your body to be His temple. (vv. 18-20)

1) “Flee from sexual immorality.”

“Do not try to co-exist peacefully with temptation...If you are weakened by certain kinds of music, you are playing into the hands of Satan himself to listen to it. If you're weakened by certain...pictures that bring before your eyes things that build desires within you that you can't handle, then you're not counteracting sin and temptation. You're tolerating it. You're fertilizing it. You're prompting it. If the newsstand is something you can't handle, stay away from it. Quit clucking your tongue and shaking your head as you linger over the pages. If you're weakened by relationships with certain people, abstain from them...There's a word for those folks who linger and try to reason with lust: victim.”

—Charles Swindoll in *Three Steps Forward Two Steps Back*

2) “Honor God with your body.”

- You are His temple.

“The Holy Spirit does not choose to abide in temples of marble or granite, but in bodies of flesh. Through them he can reveal His person and power and convey His message to men. Each Christian can become a channel through whom the Holy Spirit can express some aspect of His message to the world. To defile the body is therefore sacrilege for a Christian, because in defiling his body, he is desecrating God's temple.”—Scripture Press SS Quarterly

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DECLARATIONS FOR EVERY CHRIST FOLLOWER:

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