

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:12-14
 Topic: Sanctity of the Body.
 Study: First Corinthians
 Week: 28
 Series: 1 of 3

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Sexual Sins & Sanctified Bodies part 1

How the Manufacturer Views Your Body



1. Know _____ (v.13b)

2. Remember _____ (v.14)

3. Be _____ (v.12-13a)

1 Cor. 6:12-14
¹² "Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial.
 "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³
 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"—but God will destroy them both.[¹] The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. (NIV)

Sorting out "the slogans"...

<i>Corinthian Slogans to Excuse Their Sin</i>	<i>Paul's Corrective to Encourage Godliness</i>
<i>"Everything is permissible for me."</i>	➔ <i>"But not everything is beneficial!"</i> ← 3.A
<i>"Everything is permissible for me."</i>	➔ <i>"But I will not be mastered by anything!"</i> ← 3.B
<i>"Food for the stomach & the stomach for food... [just as, sex is for the body & the body is for sex]"</i>	➔ <i>"The body is not for sexual <u>immorality!</u>"</i> ← 3.C
	<i>"But [the body is] for the Lord & the Lord for the body!"</i> ← [1]
<i>...but God will destroy them both."</i>	➔ <i>"By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also!"</i> ← [2]

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Rightly understood, 1 Corinthians 6 should give us a renewed respect for the sanctity and importance of our bodies. To what extent is this difficult for you to do? Why?

What are some behaviors or habits that reflect a less than proper respect for one's physical body which God has designed and currently sustains?

2. Why are our moral choices more impacted by the fact that God will "resurrect" our bodies (as he did with Jesus) as opposed to the idea of God permanently discarding them and starting with brand new ones?

What practical steps can you take to keep God's promise of the resurrection in the forefront of your mind?

3. What things are you doing that are not beneficial for your body, or are taking mastery over it?

4. What connections can you draw between God's sexual rules and one's enslavement and harm?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Deut. 13-14 & Lk. 7

Monday

Deut. 15-16 & Lk. 8

Tuesday

Deut. 17-18 & Lk. 9

Wednesday

Deut. 19-20 & Lk. 10

Thursday

Deut. 21-22 & Lk. 11

Friday

Deut. 23-24 & Lk. 12

Saturday

Deut. 25-26 & Lk. 13

Here are some resources to help you think through the biblical importance of your physical body.

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