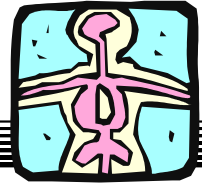


Text: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Topic: Ownership of the Body.
Study: First Corinthians
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Sexual Sins & Sanctified Bodies ^{part 3}

How to Live in a Body You Don't Own



1. Live _____ (v.19a)

2. Live _____ (vv.19b-20a)

3. Live _____ (v.20b)

1 Cor. 6:19-20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple 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 body. (NIV)

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. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 spoke of the community of Christians in the local church as God's sacred temple, but in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *each individual Christian* is referred to as a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is one thing to view our corporate identity as something holy, but what is it like for you to consider that your body itself is a holy dwelling place of God?

How does that simple truth change the way you think about sexual sin?

2. What other specific implications does God's presence in your body have on how you live?

A selfish obsession with health and fitness can easily be cloaked in the truth of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Read 1 Timothy 4:8. How does understanding that God *himself* owns your body help you to avoid the error of selfishly prioritizing your body?

3. Read Romans 12:1. How can you remind yourself to regularly follow the directive in this verse? Write out a prayer of commitment to do so every day this week.

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

Sunday

Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 21

Monday

Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 22

Tuesday

Josh. 11-12 & Lk. 23

Wednesday

Josh. 13-14 & Lk. 24

Thursday

Josh. 15-16 & Jn. 1

Friday

Josh. 17-18 & Jn. 2

Saturday

Josh. 19-20 & Jn. 3

Here are some resources to help you understand the metaphors and implications of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

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