

Using Your Body for God's Glory

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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1 Corinthians 6:13 (ESV)

“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1 Corinthians 6:15 (ESV)

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

1 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV)

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

1 Corinthians 6:17 (ESV)

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV)

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1. *The Control Principle*

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

Romans 6:12 (ESV)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

Romans 6:13 (ESV)

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

2. *The Purpose Principle*

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And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

3. *The Intimacy Principle*

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Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

4. *The Consequence Principle*

1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

5. *The Indwelling Principle*

1 Corinthians 6:19a (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?

Romans 8:9 (ESV)

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.

Romans 8:10 (ESV)

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 (ESV)

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

6. *The Ownership Principle*

1 Corinthians 6:19b (ESV)

You are not your own,

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

7. *The Redemption Principle*

1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV)

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.