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**1 Corinthians 3:16-17** *"<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are."*

**Talk Together:**

1. What were the two questions God used as an illustration found in verses 11-13? What does that teach us about sin and holiness? What does it teach us about our outward work (doing) and inward state of our hearts (being) as found in verse 14?
2. What then did God want the people to consider based on verses 15 & 18? In verses 18-19, what was God's promise as He instructed them?
3. In 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul tells us that we are the temple of God and we are to be holy. Knowing this, what will we do to live as God's temple?

**Conviction:**

Knowing that my body is the temple of God and that He dwells in me, I will live in such a way that my thoughts, words, and actions always prioritize God.

**Application:**

What aspects of my life do I need to reconsider to have a life that honors and glorifies God?

**Pray Together:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the wonderful privilege of being Your temple. Teach us to live a life that prioritizes You in all that we do. Help us to choose our actions and guide our thoughts so that everything we do will give glory to You. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

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