

WHO OWNS YOUR BODY?

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Our answer to the question, "Who owns your body?" significantly influences the course of our lives, shaping our choices and actions. Psalm 24:1 proclaims, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." This signifies that we belong to God by virtue of our creation. We are His precious possessions, and this knowledge carries the responsibility of using our bodies in ways that align with His divine purpose. In 1 Corinthians 6, the apostle Paul imparts three fundamental truths about our body.

PURPOSE: HONORING CHRIST (1 Corinthians 6:12-14)

In 1 Corinthians 6:12-14, Paul responds to the Corinthians' belief that "all things are lawful" by cautioning them, stating that "not all lawful things are beneficial." He directly addresses the issue of sexual immorality and prostitution rampant in Corinth. Paul emphatically asserts that our bodies are not meant for immorality but are dedicated to the Lord. As believers, we belong to Him, and therefore, our life's mission should center around the honorable service of God in all aspects of our lives: in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

As followers of Jesus, we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21). Keeping ourselves pure is not only a way of giving honor to Christ but also to His purpose and will for our lives. God's desire for us is to lead lives of purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). Instead of being solely focused on immediate physical desires, we should recognize that God has an incredible long-term plan in store. Just as He raised Jesus from the dead and bestowed upon Him a glorious, supernatural body, we can anticipate a similar transformation awaiting us. By honoring Christ today, we are preparing ourselves to honor Him eternally in heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

PRIVILEGE: UNITED WITH CHRIST (1 Corinthians 6:15-18)

The apostle Paul emphasizes that we are members of the body of Christ. God designed physical intimacy exclusively

for a married biological man and woman. This union goes beyond the physical and mirrors the intimate relationship God desires to have with us. Just as the physical union is reserved for husband and wife, so too is our spiritual union with Christ. In 2 Corinthians 11:2, the apostle Paul compares our spiritual journey as believers to a marriage. He wants us to maintain our commitment to Christ's purity, akin to a bride's faithfulness to her husband. Paul's message is simple: Flee immorality and guard our hearts from anything that would lead us away from our relationship with God.

The contrasting stories of David and Joseph in the Bible serve as powerful illustrations of the importance of maintaining a strong and unwavering commitment to the Lord in the face of temptation. David, despite being a man after God's own heart, had moments of weakness when he succumbed to temptation. David's affair had severe repercussions, including the loss of God's favor and turmoil in his own family. Joseph, on the other hand, is a shining example of moral integrity and devotion to the Lord. When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him, he firmly resisted her advances. His ability to do so was rooted in his deep faith and vertical worship of God. He recognized that his commitment to God was more important than momentary earthly pleasures. This not only preserved his purity but also led to God's favor and eventual exaltation in Egypt.

PRECIOUS: BOUGHT BY CHRIST (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Our bodies are precious because they have been purchased by Christ. They serve as the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit (v.19). In the Old Testament, the temple was a place dedicated to God (1 Chronicles 29:1-5). It was a magnificent and unique structure, with nothing on earth comparable to Solomon's temple. During its dedication, the glory of the Lord filled the temple with radiant light (2 Chronicles 7:1-3). Today, we are God's temple (Matthew 5:16, 1 Peter 1:15-16), and our bodies are precious because Christ has redeemed them (v.20). We should allow the light of Christ to shine through us.

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:20

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What difference will it make in your daily life if you truly believe God owns your body?

In what situations have you experienced victory over immoral thoughts or actions?
In what situations have you had failures?

What practical steps will you take to keep yourself pure and holy before God?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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