

CHURCH MATTERS

A Series on 1 Corinthians

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20 ESV

12 "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.

13 "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 6:12-20 ESV

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

15 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!

16 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."



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

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

19 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,

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





OUR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM HAS LIMITS vss 12–13A

* Many things are not mentioned in the Bible...does that mean I can do it if it is not prohibited?



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- * Ask yourself before the Lord how helpful or beneficial _____ is in three different categories
- * How helpful will _____ be in
- * ...reaching others?
- * ...building up other believers?
- * ...my personal walk w/ Jesus?



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* Does control me?

WHAT WE DO WITH OUR BODY MATTERS TO GOD

1. Our body will be resurrected

[vs 14; Philippians 3:20-21]

2. In a way, our body is united to Christ

[vs 15-17; sexual intercourse is a participation of the whole person, not just the body; Genesis 2:18-24; marriage and the union within marriage was designed to point to something more sacred...God's love for us, Jesus' love for the church]

3. Our body is the dwelling place for the Holy Spirit

[vs 19; Romans 8:9-11]

4. We have been bought with a price (not our own)

[vs 20; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 2:20]





FLEE IMMORALITY & GLORIFY GOD W/ YOUR BODY

* 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8



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