

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

God Desires Self-Control – Flee Immorality

RS – Galatians 5:16-26

1 Corinthians 6:12-13 – Beneficial & Self-Control

“Everything is permissible for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything. “Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will do away with both of them. However, the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

- Paul states he is free as well, but he also understands...
- only a few things are actually beneficial.
- anything can negatively control your life.
- We need to ask ourselves: (Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 Corinthians page 129-130)
- Is it beneficial? Is it helpful? Will it build me and others up in Christ? Is this a good thing to do for the kingdom of my Lord?
- Can this activity take mastery over me? Can it enslave me? Can it bring me into spiritual, emotional, physical, chemical or psychological bondage?

1 Thessalonians 5:23

1 Corinthians 6:14-18 – Flee Immorality

*“God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. “Don’t you know that your bodies are a part of Christ’s body? So should I take a part of Christ’s body and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not! “Don’t you know that anyone joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For Scripture says, **The two will become one flesh.**” But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. “Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body.*

Our life and body belong to the Lord.

Genesis 2:7; Psalm 139:13-16; Galatians 2:20; Romans 12:1-2

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – God’s Living Temple

“Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

As believers, we are God’s temple. Why would God choose to use the phrase “temple of the Holy Spirit” to describe our bodies?