

Our Bodies Belong to God

1 Corinthians 6:12 - 20

Devotional Reading: Psalm 139:13 - 24

Background Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12 - 20

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **Identify** the reason why Paul's original readers were to honor God with their bodies
- **Explain** why it's better to view Paul's conclusions as guiding principles rather than direct imperatives
- **Suggest** ways to apply the principles Paul states to a modern situation that didn't exist in Paul's day

INTRODUCTION: Paul gives a convincing argument to the church in Corinth regarding their casual stance of what they could and could not do as adults. He reiterated that Christians are free in Christ, but that freedom should not be dominated by anything. The city of Corinth was known for its loose morals. Believers in Jesus must conduct themselves in a God-fearing way, distinctly different from the world in which they live.

KEY VERSE: *¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19*

LESSON:

Consecrated Bodies

1 Corinthians 6:12 - 16

Consecrated Spirits

verses 17 - 20

Summary: Christian living must glorify God. We are His representatives and, therefore, have to carry ourselves in a way that glorifies Him. Paul affirms that freedom given to believers is not absolute freedom. Our freedom is dependent upon our Savior and our Lord. We now belong to Christ. This text is an important reminder that as we care for our bodies, we honor our spiritual union with Christ.

Questions:

1. *What can you do to improve your wisdom regarding "the gray areas" of personal conduct?*
2. *What are some ways that married couples can witness God's "one flesh" intent to an immoral culture?*
3. *What cherished slogans do you need to reevaluate?*
4. *What are some ways we can glorify God with our bodies in the midst of culture's challenges?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Aug. 4 th	God Creates Man and Woman	Genesis 2:4 – 7, 18 – 25
Tue., Aug. 5 th	Life Is Short; Live Wisely	Psalms 90:1 – 12
Wed., Aug. 6 th	Live Gloriously	1 Corinthians 10:23 – 33
Thurs., Aug. 7 th	Receive God's Gifts with Thanksgiving	1 Timothy 4:1 – 5
Fri., Aug. 8 th	No Hiding Place from God	Psalms 139:1 – 12
Sat., Aug. 9 th	Fearfully and Wonderfully Made	Psalms 139:13 - 24
Sun., Aug. 10 th	A Temple of the Holy Spirit	1 Corinthians 6:12 - 20