

“YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD”

(1 Cor. 3:16-17) “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” **(1 Cor. 6:19-20)** “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

(2 Cor. 6:16-18) “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father to you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

1. (1 Cor. 3:17) Don’t “defile the temple of God”

“defile” - to render unholy or unclean; to blemish; to desecrate; to stain or spot.

Wrong living has consequences: (v17) “... destroy this temple of God, him will God destroy”

Example from the Old Testament temple: (Lev. 10:1-2)

2. (1 Cor. 3:17) “for the temple of God is holy”

“holy” - sanctified; set apart; designated by God for a particular service or use.

Do not use your bodies in service to disobedience of God’s commands: (Rms. 6:16-18)

3. (1 Cor. 6:19) “and ye are not your own”

(v20) “for ye are bought with a price ... “

We are a purchased people: (1 Peter 1:18)

“bought” (redeemed) - to release by paying a ransom price; price paid for deliverance.

Therefore, we submit to God’s will for us in Christian living and worship.

4. (1 Cor. 6:20) “therefore glorify God in your body”

“glorify” - to magnify, extol, and praise; ascribe honor.

(Matt. 6:16) “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (also John 15:8)

5. (2 Cor. 6:17) “and come ye out from among them, and be ye separate ... “

(Col. 3:1-2) “... seek those things which are above ... set your affection on things above ... “

(1 Peter 4:4) “they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot ... “

6. (1 Tim. 3:14-15) “these things write I unto you ... that you may know how to behave yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God ... “ (also Romans 12:1-2)

CONCLUSION - let’s live our lives according to the pattern God has given in His word.