

## Good Stewardship. Week 1

### “Caring for the Body” I Corinthians 6:19-20; 12:20-27

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#### Introduction: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*(this month Pastor begins sermons with a story about a hymn)*

#### I. The Body is a Temple for the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19-20)

A. Our bodies are sacred vessels given by God (19) **19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;**

B. Since Jesus reconciles us to God, honor God with your body (20) **20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

#### II. The Church is the Body of Christ. (I Cor.12:20-27)

A. Unity with Diversity. (20) **20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.**

B. Mutuality in respect and function. (21-22). **21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,**

C. Humility in honor and modesty of importance. (23-24a) **23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment.**

D. God has put the Body together for mutual support and function. (24b-26) **But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.**

E. The Church is the Body of Christ (27) **27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.**

Conclusion: Honor God in your body, in the Church, in society.

#### Scripture Passage:

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#### Questions:

1. What strengths and weaknesses does your body have?
2. How is the church like the “body”? Who are hands, feet, voices, hearts, minds, eyes, ears, noses, elbows, arms, lungs... of the church?
3. Why is it important that no one thinks too highly of themselves?
4. Think of a time that you were not paying attention to a part of your body, but then you had to because it needed a doctor’s attention. In what way has the church sometimes forgotten the needs of one another?
5. What happens in churches when some people are treated with too much honor while others go unnoticed?
6. How can we grow to be “GOOD STEWARDS” in mutual respect, mutual work, and mutual encouragement and support?