

WEEK 12: HOW DO YOU HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY?

SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

MAIN FOCUS

As a body of young believers, the church gave Paul many questions. They needed to know how their lives and relationships should look as a temple filled by the living God. Sexual desires and drives were a reality for many, in fact, most believers in the 1st Century AD and they are still a reality for most believers today.

Very few have been able to set aside sexual desire and serve in purity. Many married people are able to serve both their spouse and the gospel. It is a complicated situation for which the church specifically reached out to Paul.

Our focus within this section of scripture is “How do I honor God with my body?” Paul breaks believers down into 4 groups:

- Tempted Christians
- Married Christians
- Single or Widowed Christians
- Mixed-Faith Married Christians

As we seek to honor God with our bodies, we must recognize that God has called us to different situations. Judging those in a situation different from my own is not beneficial for the kingdom. Each of these situations are useful for God's mission on this earth.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Exodus 21:10, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Genesis 2:18-25

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is the big picture issue Paul seems to be addressing in this scripture?
2. Where do I need to do a better job protecting myself from sin?
3. What insight or wisdom can I share from my current situation?
4. Many of us are in different categories described in this scripture, why is it beneficial to the kingdom of God?
5. How can I encourage a single or couple in a different stage than I am in?
6. How can I work to live at peace in my relationships?
7. What can I do this week to be on mission with Jesus?

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