

“A Holy Body in an Unholy Culture”
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Fractured: How God Restores a Broken Church
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Suppose you needed a pickup truck... for a DIY project at home.

- A close friend of yours _____ you with his brand new super expensive truck. *And off to Home Depot you go!*
- How would you treat your close friend’s truck? *Carefully!*
- But why? Because it isn’t your truck... and it didn’t become yours when you were driving it.

Same with your _____. It’s not yours. It’s God’s. (Rom 12:1-2)

American culture aggressively disagrees!

- For example, the young adult, the dating couple, the married man online late at night, the married business woman at hotels, the cohabitating couple, the college student, the bachelor party, the divorcee, the mirror...

For the Christian, ignoring God’s design for our bodies means the following:

1. We exchange God’s purpose for temporary pleasure.
2. We damage something God calls holy.
3. We believe the lie that freedom means you can do whatever you want.
4. We weaken our fellowship with Jesus.
5. We end up suffering unnecessarily.
 - Broken hearts and marriages. Unplanned pregnancies. Sexually transmitted diseases. Porn addiction.

God loves us so much that He want His very best for us. *Let’s learn all about this in our main passage.*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. **VV 12-13...** Freedom in Christ should never become _____ to something else. (Rom 6:15-23)
 - Examples: alcohol, food, social media, money, cell phone...
 - The Corinthians assumed sex was merely another physical appetite, like hunger. Paul says it is far more than that.
 - Sex cannot be reduced to mere biology, because it unites two people in a covenantal, God-designed way.

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2. **VV 15-17...** Because you are united with Christ, don't entangle yourself to what _____ Him.

- Sex is far more than physical—it entangles two people in a one-flesh relationship designed by God for marriage between a man and a woman. (Eph 5:31-32)
- Our culture says that sex is...
 - recreational
 - casual
 - merely physical
 - loosely defined
 - about personal fulfillment
- God says that sex is...
 - sacred
 - profoundly spiritual
 - unifying
 - a gift
 - designed for marriage

3. **VV 19-20...** Your body is no ordinary body - it is a _____ where the Holy Spirit lives.

- Jesus paid the highest possible price to purchase you and make you His own possession. (1 Pet 1:18-19)
- Your body is no ordinary body indeed! *Think about what the apostle Paul teaches us about your body:*
 - It belongs to the Lord. It will one day be resurrected. It is united to Christ. It's a house where the Holy Spirit lives. It was purchased with the blood of Christ. It exists to glorify God. (Phil 1:20-21)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Because your body belongs to Jesus Christ, honor Him by using it according to His design rather than your desires.

LET'S CLOSE WITH THE INSERT "WAYS TO HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY THIS WEEK"