

➤ Intro:

- **1 Cor. 6:13-20** command: glorify God in your body (1 Cor. 6:20)
- **lesson targeted for young people** but profitable for all
- 4 - **reminder of last lesson:** Remember Your Creator in the Days of Your Youth

➤ **Paul's teaching in 1 Cor. 6:13-20 relates to the physical body — responsibility to physical**

- **1 Cor. 6:13-20** physical body considered, not spiritual body
 - **vs. 13** stomach - physical
 - **vs. 13** body not for immorality
 - **vs. 15-16** joined with prostitute - physical
 - **vs. 16** quotes from Gen. 2:24 in physical relations in marriage - physical
 - **vs. 18** fornication is a sin against one's physical body
- **application: treatment of our body is either right or wrong, holy or unholy, righteous or sinful**
- **judgment:** saved or lost, heaven or hell

➤ **You are joined to Christ — one spirit with Him**

- **1 Cor. 6:17** joined to Christ, one spirit with Him
- - **Rom. 6:3-5a** when obey in baptism
- - **Jn. 17:21-22** therefore, one with Jesus and God
- **application: everything you do** (good or evil) has a direct reflection upon Christ
- 2 - **illus.: children**, direct reflection upon parents — **pict.:** the apple doesn't fall far from the tree

➤ **Your body belongs to Jesus, since you are one with Him — not your own**

- **1 Cor. 6:13, 15** body for the Lord, and Lord for the body — **1 Cor. 6:15** body is a member of Christ
 - **illus.: Jesus is your "All In All"** — song
 - **illus.: error, I can do whatever I want with my body** - it's mine
- - **1 Cor. 6:20** you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God with your body
 - **1 Pet. 1:17-19** conduct yourself, redeemed,, blood of Jesus
 - **1 Pet. 2:24** Jesus bore our sins in His body, we die to sin, live to righteousness
- **application:**
 - **when saved (baptized)** our physical bodies become God's — no longer our own - **a cost of discipleship**
 - **illus.: Jesus parable of a builder**, count the cost so he finishes — cost as Christian, body is Lord's
 - **say to yourself:** my body belongs to God, not to me — significance?

➤ **Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, since you are one with Jesus**

- **allegory: temple**
- 2 - **pict:** model, Herod's Temple — **What would people have thought about regarding being a "temple"**
 - "He that is **joined to Christ** is **one spirit**. He is **yielded up to him**, is **consecrated** thereby, and **set apart** for his use, and is **hereupon possessed, and occupied, and inhabited, by his Holy Spirit**. This is the proper notion of a temple--a place where God dwells, and sacred to his use, by his own claim and his creature's surrender" (Matthew Henry).
- - **your body is someone's temple** — Jesus, Satan, demon, pagan deity
 - **2 Cor. 6:14-18** God dwell, walk, not touch unclean — **temple of either one (1 Jn. 3:10)**
- - **as Christ's temple: glorify Him in every way with your physical body — Do you?**
 - **Gal. 2:20a** crucified with Christ; no longer I who live but Christ lives in me
- - **Conclusion Part I:** what is your responsibility, How do you glorify God in your body? — Part 2 - inv.

- **Part II: intro — S1 Cor. 6:13-20** command: glorify God in your body (1 Cor. 6:20)
- **4 review Part I:** since you are one with Christ in spirit, your body is His temple — responsibility
- **How do you glorify God in your body?**
 - **Take care of your mind — strong mind, strong body**
 - **keep God on your mind** all the time — **WWJD** (last lesson)
 - **Matt. 15:18-20** garbage in, garbage out — **you are what you “think”**
 - - **1 Pet. 2:1-2** God’s word is brain food / spiritual food
 - **Bible study, meditation, prayer** — “personal” relationship with God
- - **Choose friends with good morals, help get to heaven — important to taking care of mind and body**
 - **1 Cor. 15:33** evil companions corrupt good morals — **lie with dogs and get flees — peer pressure**
 - **you will become the people you choose to be around** — Christians, sinners / moral, immoral
 - **parents: our job, make opportunities** for our kids to be around other Christians - easy here, hard work
- - **Take care of your body — caveat, living in a physical world we can’t control**
 - **1 Cor. 6:19** can’t glorify God in your body if you don’t take care of it — **take care of the Lord’s temple**
 - **health:** exercise, good diet, don’t purposely harm (tobacco, drug abuse, any abusive behavior), health care
 - **serve God physically:** need to best body we can reasonably have to best serve God
 - **health to:** go to church, work and worship of the church, preaching and teaching, have mental capacity to learn, meditate, apply lessons, be a leader in church and community
 - **illus.:** The Miraculous Human Body, stats regarding how incredible the body is — **take care of it**
 - **illus.:** **you pay for a car that we share**, I pay nothing, what does it say if I abuse the car, e.g. — **God**
- - **Adorn your body with godliness — adorn the Lord’s temple with godliness**
 - **1 Tim. 2:9-10** specific to women, applicable to men (men cannot be ungodly)
 - **dress a way that professes godliness — others see unquestionably a Christian**
 - **illus.:** **Supermodel Kim Alexis** Advocates Modesty — one who knows from experience
 - - **Rom. 14** cultural and generational differences
 - **illus.:** **parents go to visit my great-grandfather** when I was young - ladies wear dress
 - **what other people think matters**
 - - **Rom. 12:17** respect what is right in sight of all men
 - - **1 Cor. 13:5a** not act unbecomingly, not indecently
 - not in way that draws undue attention to self, the physical
 - **assembly with saints: manner of dress**
 - **How should we dress to assemble with the saints?**
 - respectful, disrespectful / reflect attitude / like would dress to meet President USA or buddies at movies / like paying respect to mother at funeral or like going to school
- - **Don’t engage in sinful behaviors**
 - **1 Cor. 6:15-18** don’t engage in fornication (any illicit sexual intercourse, sexual contact; e.g., freakin)
 - **don’t listen to pop culture - fornication is not as popular as you may think**
 - **illus.:** **Large Minority of Teens Against Premarital Sex**
 - **illus.:** **Majority of Sexually Active Teens Wish They'd Waited**

➤ - **Behave like a child of God**

- **Gal. 5:1, 13-14, 16-17, 19-24, 25; 6:8** expound, walk according to the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit, not deeds of the flesh — **reap what you sow**

➤ - **1 Tim. 2:10** adorn yourself with good works — **what people pay attention to**

- **young people: attract a mate** with good works, not physical allurements - get old, physical appeal fades

➤ - **Phil. 1:27a** conduct, worthy of Christ (His gospel) - act like a citizen of Jesus' kingdom

- **“conduct”** translated from *politeuomai* (pol-it-yoo'-om-ahee), Greek verb *to be a citizen*

- **Phil. 3:20** our citizenship is in heaven

- **whenever we behave in a manner other than a Christian**, we bring reproach upon God - dishonor

- **Rom. 2:21-24** name of God blaspheme because of our sinful behavior — **vis versa** (**Matt. 5:14-16**)

- **Tit. 2:5** word of God dishonored because of our sinful behavior — **visa versa** (**Matt. 5:14-16**)

- **Review:**

- **Thought questions:**

- **What message do you send others, by the way you take care of your body** - God's temple?

- first impression: assume you are a Christian

- first impression: you go to a “good” church

- first impression: you are a holy person

- **What message do you send others by the way you dress, fix your hair, make up your face, and the jewelry you wear?**

- **What message do you send others when they see the people** you choose to associate with?

- **What message do you send others when they see the activities** you choose to engage in?

- work, school, free time (movies, music, TV, Bible study, etc.)

- **What is the message you send God**, by the way you take care of your body - His temple?

- **Is your body a temple of the Holy Spirit or the devil?**

➤ - **inv** - must be a faithful Christian to glorify the Lord in your body, as His temple

- compliment

- challenge

- invite any who need to become Christian or correct