Part I & II

Glorify God in Your Body

➤ 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 of 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

Part II: intro — S1 Cor. 6:13-20 command: glorify God in your body (1 Cor. 6:20)

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 at 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 being reproach upon God - dishonor
    - Rom. 2:21-24 name of God blaspheme because of our sinful behavior — via 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