



What To Do With This Old Body

I Cor. 3:16-17

Ye are the temple of God

The Spirit of God dwelleth in you

If any man defile the temple - him will God destroy

The temple of God is holy

Holy - Set apart, for special use, for sacred use, for personal use, separate.

The word "defile" is the same as destroy (defile used for context).

This covers a multitude of sins not mentioned by name in the Bible.

1. Music
 - a. Rock, rap, country, reggae, blues, mellow.
 - b. What matters more than anything are lyrics.
 1. Do they magnify God? (tell about my music)
 2. Do the artists magnify God?
 3. Is it appropriate music for the setting?
2. Television & movies
 - a. Those who make them don't share our values.
 - b. We learn values from those we subject ourselves to
 - c. I want to enjoy them, but there is always something
 - d. They create pleasurable Godless realities
 - e. They rob our time and pollute our minds.
3. Smoking, drinking & drugs
 - a. These certainly destroy our bodies, no question!
 - b. Moderation of sin is impossible to achieve.
 - c. Repentant sinners can be delivered of these!
4. Immodesty & lust
 - a. The body is defiled through immodest exposure.
 - b. The temple had high curtains to obstruct view.
 - c. Only certain individuals had access to holy vessels.
 - d. Sex is not dirty & evil, only sacred and timely.

- e. The mind is polluted through lust of the eyes.
(Reality is perverted, leads to atrocious sins)
- f. The body is polluted through sexual immorality
(Only sin against the body - I Cor. 6:18; Rom 1:24)
- g. Immodesty is a concern for all, not just the sexy.
(Old ladies, young children, and men as well)

Romans 12:1-2 Present your bodies a living sacrifice

Holy

Acceptable unto God

Which is your reasonable service

Be not conformed to this world

Be ye transformed

By the renewing of your mind

That ye may prove the...will of God

(good, acceptable, perfect)

Every morning our beds should be an altar of sacrifice.

1. The biggest sacrifice is not our stuff but our selves.
 - a. We should commit ourselves to being holy.
 - b. We should attempt to live a pleasing life in God's eyes.
 - c. We should not feel like heroes or martyrs for doing so.
(This is not above the call of duty - it is the call of duty)
(Luke 17:7-10 - reasonable "live is Christ, die is gain")
2. We are not to be conformed to this world.
 - a. The world is sick and has a sick set of values.
 - b. We should be happy with ourselves as God made us.
hair (dying & cutting) make-up
jewelry fingernail polish
wigs colored contact lenses
clothing (expensive, bargains, too nice to worship in)
 - c. We should behave as God created us.
effeminacy
Bossy overbearing women who usurp authority
We should behave as sons of God, not sons of belial.

I Cor. 6:19-20 Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost

Which is in you
Which ye have of God
Ye are not your own
Ye are bought with a price
Glorify God in your body and spirit
(which are God's)

We need to glorify God in our bodies.

1. (I Tim. 2:8-10) How we ought to adorn ourselves.
Men: Pray everywhere - express faith in God
Lift up holy hands (w/o wrath or doubting)
Women: Modest apparel - cover yourself sensibly
Shamefacedness - have a sense of shame
Sobriety - be sober, not empty-headed
NOT with broided hair w/pearls or gold
NOT with costly array
Good works

We need to glorify God in our spirits.

1. (I Peter 2:11-25; 3:1-9) How to silence our accusers.
Men: Abstain from fleshly lusts
Live honest among the unsaved
Obey the laws of the land
Honor all men (Give honor where due)
Love the brotherhood
Fear God
Be subject to your masters
Suffer wrongdoings patiently (hobby shop)
Women: Be in subjection to your own husbands
Live a chaste (virtuous) life
Meek and quiet spirit in the fear of God
Be of one mind
Have compassion one for another
Love the brethren
Be pitiful
Be courteous

Bless those who do you evil