

Honouring God With Your Body

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Questions: Was there ever a tool or kitchen gadget that you used as a child for something that it wasn't intended for? What was your parent's reaction?

Some points to consider in this series:

- The Bible isn't always easy to understand.
- The Bible is written for us, but it's not written to us.
- If we disrespect the historical and cultural distance, we will distort the biblical teaching.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12–17

Question: What from these verses sounds the same today as it would have back in Corinth?

Some worldviews to consider:

The Corinthian view: It doesn't matter what you do with your body, because your body doesn't really matter.

Plato: Greek Philosopher who lived about 400 years before Christ. He taught a dualistic view of the world and what it is to be human.

Descartes: French Philosopher of 18th century. "I think, therefore I am". The mind is what makes you human.

A Christian worldview and understanding of the body:

- you don't just have a body, you are a body
- your body belongs to the Lord
- what you do in your body is not meaningless

Sexual immorality: The Greek word is *Porneia*. *Porneia* is all forms of sex outside of a marriage relationship. Marriage is clearly understood as an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman.

Read Matthew 19:3-6

Our relationship with Jesus is not just spiritual. It's about how you live in your body moment by moment.

Every part of the Christian faith seeks embodiment, a way of being lived out here, now, in person.

Mark Buchanan

Read 1 Corinthians 6:18; Genesis 39:9

From Preston Sprinkle's book: "Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage?"

Whenever the New Testament writers address *porneia*, they always treat it with the utmost severity. It's never considered a secondary or disputed matter.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

The fundamental lie of modernity is that we are our own. If I belong to myself, then I am the only one who can set limits on who I am or what I can do. No one else has the right to define me, to choose my journey in life, or to assure me that I am okay. I belong to myself.

Alan Noble

Could it be that the reason alternate views of sex and marriage make so much sense to many people today is because we have absorbed the modern western culture's narratives about what it means to be human?

Tim Keller

Questions: What areas of this message are most difficult for you? What are the areas of agreement? What are the areas of discussion? Who will you have that discussion with?