

For What are Bodies?

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Corinthians 6:12-20.

B. Legalism looks at life saying that everything is wrong while the Christian looks at everything as right except what God's Word has labeled wrong.

II. Paul never retreats into legalism, but he reminds the Corinthians that all truth must be balanced.

A. The pathway of liberty is always a narrow path.

B. The moment one's liberty begins to hurt someone else he has fallen into license.

C. The things that are not helpful are always enslaving.

III. The Corinthians argued that it was natural to satisfy needs as a natural act of the body.

A. Paul responds that digestion is temporary, but sexuality touches the soul at a deeper level.

B. Worship is a form of sexual expression—worship is an expression of hunger to be possessed by God.

C. Man was made to be indwelt by God—the body was made for the Lord.

IV. Every act of prostitution is involving the Lord in the act because He indwells a person.

A. A mystical union occurs in the act of sex that cannot be undone.

B. Fornication has an effect on the body unlike other sins because it defiles the temple of God—the believer—by offering to another as idolatry.

Application questions:

1. Why must limits be put on liberty for liberty to be maintained?

2. How is Worship a form of sexual expression?

3. Why does fornication bring different effects upon a person than other sins? Explain.
