



CHRIST CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

LIFE APPLICATION MESSAGE
 SERIES: THE PRODIGAL CHURCH
 TEACHING: PART 12, OUR BODIES, SEXUALITY, AND GLORIFYING GOD
 SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

FOUR MATTERS PAUL WANTS THE CORINTHIAN CHRISTIANS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT SEXUALITY:

1. DON'T _____ THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN _____.

“All things are lawful for me,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be dominated by anything.”

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

2. DON'T EMBRACE A FALSE _____ THAT SETS YOU UP FOR _____.

“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’ – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”

1 Corinthians 6:13a-b (ESV)

“The relativism which is not willing to speak about truth but only about ‘what is true for me’ is an evasion of the serious business of living. It is the mark of a tragic loss of nerve in our contemporary culture. It is a preliminary symptom of death.”

— Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*

3. UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF OUR _____.

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”

1 Corinthians 6:13c (ESV)

- You have a **physical capacity** that reflects the image of God.
- You have a **relational capacity** that reflects the image of God.
- You have a **moral capacity** that reflects the image of God.

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, ‘The two will become one flesh.’”

1 Corinthians 6:15-16 (ESV)

Your body matters because:

- Your body is for the **Lord** (1 Corinthians 6:13)
- Your body is destined to be **raised** (1 Corinthians 6:14)
- Your body is a member of Christ (1 Corinthians 6:15-17)
- Your body is a **temple** of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:18-19)
- Your body was purchased at a price (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- Your body is made for the royal purpose of **glorifying** God (1 Corinthians 6:20)

4. FLEE _____.

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (ESV)

“It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

1 Peter 1:18-19

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31