

THE TEMPLE OF THE BODY

1Co. 6:19-20

INTRODUCTION

- DO YOU HAVE ANY...
 - TATTOOS
 - NOSE RING
 - TONGUE BAR
 - OTHER PHYSICAL DECORATIONS?
- ARE YOU ESPECIALLY FOND OF...
 - FOOD
 - DRINKING
 - SMOKING (LEGAL OR ILLEGAL)
 - DRUGS (PRESCRIPTION OR OTHERWISE)
- DO YOU LIKE A RARE STEAK?



FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- WE HAVE MANY MORE FREEDOMS IN CHRIST THAN THEY HAD UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES:
 - ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL BUT NOT ALL THINGS ARE EXPEDIENT.
1Co. 6:12
- WE ARE REQUIRED TO NOT CAUSE OUR BROTHER (OR SISTER) TO STUMBLE INTO SIN:
 - 1Co. 8; Rom. 14:20-21

EVALUATING THE TEXT

- 1Co 6:19 **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,**
- 1Co 6:20 **FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE. SO GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY.**

LIMITED APPLICATION

- BE CAREFUL NOT TO GO BEYOND THE INTENDED APPLICATION AND CONTEXT.
 - TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE PASSAGES OF A TOPIC BEFORE DRAWING A CONCLUSION.
- MISAPPLYING A PASSAGE IS UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT AND CAN CAUSE SOMEONE TO STUMBLE.
- CULTURALLY UNWISE DECISIONS ARE NOT INHERENTLY SINFUL.
- IF IT IS SIN TO YOU, SO BE IT. DON'T MAKE IT A SIN FOR ANOTHER UNLESS THE BIBLE IS CLEAR.

CONCLUSION

- THE BIBLE IS A BOOK ABOUT SERIOUS SPIRITUAL MATTERS OF LIFE.
- USE COMMON SENSE.
- IF YOU FEEL SOMETHING THAT YOU DO IS SINFUL...THEN IT IS.
 - CONSCIENCE MATTERS
 - AS YOU GROW IN CHRIST, MANY THINGS YOU USE TO ENJOY OR WERE HABIT WILL NO LONGER BE ENJOYABLE.
- THIS LIFE IS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND THE SPIRITUAL.
 - MAR. 14:38 WATCH AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION. THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK."