

The Five T's of Stewardship

Temple

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Stewardship encompasses the ideas of caring for all of creation, economic management, and the inclusiveness of the entire world within the family or household of God.

What is the place of the body to a believer?

Many today worship the body – spend millions to improve it.

Ancient Greeks (time of Christ) hated it.

Both are wrong and lead to extremes

Either – I will mortify the body or I will indulge it with pleasure.

What does the Bible teach? I Corinthians 6:19-20

I. A Reminder ---- Don't you know/realize

The body was made by God –

Genesis 1:26-27 Psalms 139: 13-16 Job 10:8, 11

Our bodies are parts of Christ – I Corinthians 6:15

II. A Revelation --- your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit who lives

in you Where God can dwell – John 14:7 John 14:23

Temple – where God dwells

- Where men come to meet with Him

- Where we worship and serve Him

III. A Receiver / steward– Given to you by God

God gave us the body

But it has weaknesses

– Jesus said the spirit is willing but the body is weak.

Weakness are mainly twisted virtues

We are created to enjoy – music, art, beauty, pleasure

But not to be ruled by them

I Corinthians 6:12 – we are not to be slaves

I Corinthians 10:23 – not everything is beneficial

IV. A Retainer - you belong to God

For God purchased you with a high price.

Philippians 2: 6, I Corinthians 7:23. I Timothy 2:6, Galatians 3:13-15

You belong to Him – body and soul

V. The Resolution – so you must honor God with your body

A. Dedicate your bodies to God Romans 12:1-2

Cleansing - 2 Corinthians 7:1

Committing – a living sacrifice

B. Discipline your bodies for God

1Thessalonians 4:4, 1Timothy 4:8 I Corinthians 9:27

C. Doxology – honor God with you bodies

Honor = Doxazo – glorify Him in His perfection

Romans 6:13, I Corinthians 10:31

What will you do with your body to bring glory and honor to God?

Dedication.

I will cleanse _____

I will commit _____

Discipline

I will eat _____

I will exercise _____

I will rest _____

Doxology – I will praise with my body God by:

Helping others _____
