

Christian Purity
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Scripture Lesson is 1 Corinthians 6:18-17; 7:1 This is an excerpt from the message.

1 Cor 6: 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Avoid it, keep out of the reach of temptations to it. Direct the eyes and mind to other things and thoughts. The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord. This is the first argument Paul uses against this sin, for which the heathen inhabitants of Corinth were infamous, and the converts of Christianity retained too favorable an opinion of it.

The body is not for fornication; it was never formed for any such purpose, but for the Lord, for the service and honor of God. It is to be an instrument of righteousness to holiness. (Romans 6:19) and therefore is never to be made an instrument of uncleanness.

We must take care that we do not use what belongs to Christ as if it were our own, and much less to his dishonor. Second argument: Ver. 14 And God hath raised up the Lord and will also raise up us by his own power. By the power of him who shall change our vile body, and make it like to his glorious body by that power whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself (Phil 3 :21) It is an honor done to the body that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead: and it will be an honor to our bodies that they will be raised. Therefore, let us not abuse our bodies by sin, and make them vile, which, if they be kept pure, shall, notwithstanding there present vileness, be made like to Christ's glorious body.

The hopes of a resurrection to glory should restrain Christians from dishonoring their bodies by fleshly lusts. God commands Christians to live pure and holy lives.