

The Body

I Corinthians 6:19-What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

(KJV)

The human body is a most wonderful creation of the Living and Loving God. The person's mind, heart and soul bear great responsibility for the care of the body. Being mindful of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit determines bodily care. At Holy Baptism, the believer's whole body is dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ. God is to be glorified in the body as the believer goes about the course of daily life. Daily thoughts, actions and relationships will reflect if God is glorified each day.

I Corinthians 6:20-For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (KJV)

God sees and knows what a person thinks and does at all times throughout life. The way a person lives establishes a permanent record for the Lord to consider. Repentance is the way to begin anew in Christ when sins have been committed. God's goodness, love and mercy are evident when God is glorified in the body. Glorifying God keeps the person on the narrow path to the Heavenly Kingdom. Eternal life becomes possible for the believer when God is glorified in daily life.

2 Corinthians 5:10-For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (KJV)

Joy is experienced and increases as the believer glorifies God with the body. Being true to God in use of the body brings the believer immeasurable joy. When the person is totally committed to the Lord all else is in proper perspective. To live fully in the Lord requires humility and dependence on the Lord's mercy. Constant repentance keeps the person's daily thoughts and actions pleasing to God. Prayer and fasting keep the person oriented to the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

I Thessalonians 5:23-And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Action is required of the believer to guard the body from putting the soul in peril. When the believer loves God, God's love is manifested in the believer's daily life. The believer's complete love of God comes alive in the relationships of daily life. The firm rejection of sin and repentance enables the love for God to increase. The hunger in the soul yearns to love God until the Lord's Second Coming. Only by the Lord's mercy, love and forgiveness does love abound in the body.

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