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Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 12th January 2025 10 am

The temple of your body

Opening Scripture.

Hymn MP 631 Tell out my soul

Scripture Psalm 32 (page 560)

Prayer

Children's talk Living water

Chorus MP 676 There is no love like the love of Jesus

Notices Timing. Crusaders is back on today. Evening service.

DE next Sunday afternoon.

Members mini meeting in the vestry 11:40

Lord's prayer - offertory box home - pray reference to giving in the service

Reading 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 (page 1147)

James 4:1-10, (page 1217)

Hymn MP 674 There is a Green Hill far away

Sermon An adulterated faith?

Hymn MP 624 Take my life and let it be (2:54)

Closing prayer

Prayer

■ With one Sunday School family the mother spent a lot of time on the internet, often all night. One day she vanished taking with her all seven children. She abandoned her husband and overnight moved to Scotland to live with another man. The husband was distraught. Her online flirtations, her unfaithfulness ended up in her giving up on her commitments and her promises.

This sort of thing is not uncommon, far from it. She had followed her passions, and why not? There's no law against it. Some have suggested it is a good thing to have a fling, certainly many today believe it.

Therapist Mira Kirshenbaum said that cheating on your spouse can be more of a blessing than a sin.

'Cheating on your spouse isn't a moral act, she says, "most men and woman who have affairs are good people who made a mistake." Adultery can even help a marriage.

Another, Lyndsey Fraser said we've become a culture that inspires us to have affairs. "After all" she says "there are many immediate advantages to having affairs... an easy fix, a Band-Aid for the unsatisfying relationship." She then lists the advantages and disadvantages.

12 "Everything is permissible for me" went the slogan in 1st century Corinth. Sorry I mean the church slogan. The slogan of the city was soon flying over the church. This is not the world out there, but the believers in here. What happened to God's Holy separated people?

"Everything is permissible for me" Yes Christ did die to buy my freedom, but have you have misunderstood what that means? The Apostle Paul replied: 'it may be permissible — **but not everything is beneficial.**'

Again the slogan: "Everything is permissible for me" but beware — **but I will not be mastered by anything.**

⇒ **With freedom comes responsibility and that requires wisdom.**

When Abram said to Lot the land is before you, you choose which way to go and which part to take. Lot misused that freedom, acted foolishly, chose for himself, ignored the power of sin and lived a life greatly dishonouring the Lord who had bought him. - Let us all careful with our freedoms!

We must beware. The slogan comes up again in 1Co 10:23 "Everything is permissible"— We do have freedom but this passage is about the abuse of that freedom, the abuse of Christian liberty. "**but not everything is constructive.**"

They believed they were free in Christ, and they were, in Christ - but misuse puts us back into slavery. The world without Christ does not know freedom.

Foolishly the Christians in the city of Corinth had hung on to much of their former immoral practices. The moral standards of their city clung to them. And as it was normal, acceptable and there was no law against it, they thought they were on safe ground. Forgetting the holiness to which they were called, they excused themselves with the slogans above. They mixed this mindset into their new faith as to make almost everything permissible.

What is it today? What slogans have you grown up with? 'Do whatever you like as long as you don't hurt anyone'. 'Do you own thing, you choose, it's your life, one life, live it.' It is easy to absorb and this thinking. How much have you been affected by these? Of course you cannot see it.

So there's one set of slogans, hear slogan two "13 **Food for the stomach and the stomach for food**" So what's this about food and the stomach?

Then, unlike today, food good food, that is meat, was connected with idol worship. It was offered as part of worship and eaten in the pagan temples.

When a Corinthian became a Christian he was free from all of that idolatry and had the liberty to eat meat with a clear conscience.

But connected with the pagan temples was immorality, fornication.

The way the evil mind worked was to think that because I had liberty with the food - then I also had liberty with what else I do with my body.

See the logic, isn't sex as natural and transient as eating is natural and transient? Food and immorality are equated together, > Christians fell for it.

Yes – as Food and immorality are equated together, they are therefore to be treated with the utmost care. In Acts 15 a letter of instruction is sent to the churches: **You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.** Ac 15:29

You will do well to avoid these things avoiding one will help you avoid the other.

Paul has give a lot of ink over to this, see 1 Cor 8, see Romans 14 as well.

⇒ **They had allowed one things to slide into another.**

Paul has to point out that there is a difference 13 "**Food for the stomach and the stomach for food**" —**but God will destroy them both.**

Some think this is a reference to our future state, and that our eternal human body will no longer need food?? I don't know. Certainly, the future body will have no wrong passions of any sort. Perhaps no right sexual ones either as in the new order we will be like the angels with no marrying.

That is then, it is alright now!! No. No. Our bodies are not designed for fornication or passing sexual 'satisfaction' - like the stomach is for food.

We do not have the liberty to eat as we wish, our food intake is to be metered, we are to be careful, we are not to slip into gluttony. We may drink wine, but must not slip into excess or drunkenness.

⇒ **While the stomach requires food for its proper function, - the 'body' requires the Lord for its proper function.**

Jesus ate food but he did not use His body sexually. He showed us how you and I are to love the Lord with our mind, our heart and our body. We do this when we recognise that our body is designed to be fulfilled through God's intended purpose of service and sacrifice. Every part of us, mind, spirit and body finds its true satisfaction - in Christ alone Jn. 6:54. cf. Phil. 1.20; Heb. 10:5,

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. This is key teaching.

In the West we are reductionist in our thinking, that is we reduce everything to component parts. We separate body and soul. In the East we are seen as one, an indivisible whole. For Paul, the body is much more than the physical: it is bound up with our whole personality.

The Greeks thought that the spiritual life was really what was important - the material was not. Because the spiritual is eternal it matters, the material being temporary does not. As long as you believe in your mind and spirit - it really doesn't matter what you do with your body.

Many religions are like that. They will defend their beliefs to the hilt and yet live like anyone else, there's no sense you have to be modest in your choice of car, or house, or eating or drinking, and their professed faith will have no check on their lust, and immoral behaviour, behind a façade of piety.

No, not here. Let no professing Christian ignore basic teaching on morality. Use our bodies for immoral acts? Never. Use our eyes to view immorality in bad films Never. We are not to live like those around us.

The Lord has made it very clear that the right place for the body to be used sexually is in a life-long union of one man and one woman. "**The two will become one flesh.**" as the Lord showed with Adam and Eve.

We can see this as Paul immediately goes on to talk about marriage in the next passage. Paul makes things clear in their sexual confusion.

⇒ **Sex outside of marriage is wrong, it is immoral.**

The body was never formed for any such purpose, our body is for the Lord, for the service and honour of God. It is to be an instrument of righteousness to holiness Ro 6:19, and never to be an instrument of uncleanness.

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

The resurrection of the Lord - and our resurrection - are intimately linked cf. 1 Cor. 15:20; Rom. 8:11; Phil. 3:21. Paul reminds us that our present physical body must be properly valued and used. Just as our resurrected body cf. 15:35f. is to be used for God's purposes. Our life is physical now – and it will be physical later. As Christ had a physical body – Christ has a physical body now. That body he took to heaven. There is a man in heaven. The Lord uses the analogy of a harvest and says Jesus is 'the first fruits' And the rest of the crop from the earth, the Lords called and chosen people will follow. We will follow x2.

Now the body is perishable and mortal, but a Christian can look forwards to a new imperishable, immortal body to inhabit forever. Not a tent - but a house, not temporary, but permanent.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?

If the soul is united to Christ by faith, the whole man, mind, spirit and body is a member of his mystical body. The body is in union with Christ as well as the soul. It is a great honour for us as Christians! My very flesh is a part of the mystical body of Christ.

Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! The thought is abhorred, And why?

Prostitutes were attached to pagan temples and considered part of pagan worship. There were 1,000s of them in Corinth. Resort to a temple prostitute meant resort to a strange god. But anyone joined to a harlot is one with her in flesh, something ordained of God only within a married state. Can I, united with Christ and one in spirit with him – and be so united to a harlot as to become one flesh with her? **The thought is abhorred, God forbid** - A Christians' body is a member of Christ, and a Christians body must not be made the member of a harlot. **The Lord is for the body, and the body for the Lord.** How then can I use what belongs to Christ as if it were my own? We are not owners but managers, we are given a charge, look after this for me.

16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body?

unites v.16 & 17 literally means 'glued'. The bond is as close as it can be. Proverbs describes this road as a highway to the grave. How could I take the members of Christ take them to death, kill them off. Christians in Corinth had done just that. May none of us here dishonour the Lord in this way.

■ **We do not go to pagan temples to worship In the West the new religion is of 'self'. Self-expression, self-advancement, self-gratification, TV programmes and films are full of unfaithfulness, adultery, do you entertain yourself with them?**

How the Spirit of Holiness is grieved as he dwells in our hearts. How He longs to unity us with Christ that we will become one in Spirit with Him.

17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

The Christian's body and personality, our whole being are united, joined, married to the Lord. That is how we should view it. We are engaged, His Spirit guaranteeing the marriage Day ahead.

No-one engaged to be married should then go off with someone else!

The lord speaks of Israel to whom he is covenanted, married **I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Because Israel's immorality mattered so little to her, she defiled the land and committed adultery** Jer 3:8,9

Again in Hosea the LORD said "**the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD.**" Ho 1:2

Flee from sexual immorality. Flee, disapproval is insufficient: evasive action is required. See the imperatives in the passage - **Not meant** v13, **Never** end of v15, **Flee** v18. Flee indicates a constant attitude and action cf. 10:14; 1 Thes. 4:3.

⇒ Other vices may be conquered in fight, - this only by flight. Running!

All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Sexual sin gives the power of the body to another person rendering the body vile. This sin is different - nothing quite pollutes like this.

Other sin such as excess food or drink come from outside. As Jesus said these come from without and go through the body. The sexual appetite arises from within and makes us unclean, polluted. Like swearing which comes from within, Paul describes that as a foulness in Romans 3 as if a sewer has it's lid off. There's a stench that causes a person to be repulsed.

An immoral woman tries to make herself attractive but to the Lord both the man and women are dirtied and come up like that stench.

May no Christian ever sin like this. It is to turn against the Holy One who has made holy the Christian by uniting him with himself.

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

Do you not know?— this is the sixth time he has said this in this chapter. Yes, here is a basic truth that all Christians should know. Every individual Christian is the personal shrine, or temple of the Holy Spirit. Do you know? Have you forgotten? Or chosen to forget?

And since the temple belongs to God, the Christian is not independent. If you are a Christian and joined to Christ then you are owned, you are His. You are possessed, inhabited, consecrated and set apart for His use.

A temple is sacred for it is the place where God dwells. Before the Lord came to dwell first in the tabernacle and then the temple they had to be made clean, purified.

This is what happens when a sinner is forgiven, we are cleared of our sin, all the garbage of my sin is disposed of. we are cleaned up. Has that happened to you? How does the Lord see you? Do see yourself that way? The blood of Christ can make the vilest sinner clean.

That is what Christ did on the cross which His Spirit now applies. How could we allow dirt back in. **It is like being washed clean - and then never washing again for years!!**

You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Bought.

■ In southern USA a man came past a sale of slaves. Some rough men looked on joking about the poor lot of these slave and discussed what they would do with them when they had bought them. The first man heard this and started to bid, he went far beyond what was normally paid. He went up to this girl who screamed and spat in his face. He left her tied up and said I will be back soon. When he returned he passed to her a rolled up letter. She unrolled it to find she it was her redemption papers, she was free. This man had paid the release price. He had bought her - to release her.

A Christian is a slave who has been bought. A body purchased by Jesus for Himself. We are now yielded to him. He inhabits us by his Spirit.

Can we then desecrate his temple?, defile it, and offer it up to the use and service of a harlot? Horrid sacrilege! Here the Spirit of God cannot dwell!

■ I remember Khabarovsk in Eastern Siberia, one stop on the Siberian railway line before the naval base of Vladivostok. My enduring, overarching overriding memory is of, the toilets. No doors and thick filth covered everything. The stench was unbearable.

It was a shock. How could anyone go. How could anyone important go in? The Spirit of holiness cannot dwell, will not dwell in a dirtied vessel.

It was the work of Christ on the cross to redeem us, buy us out of slavery, release from the bondage and slavery of sin, And now made clean..... to be a pure bride for the Lord. We are His, engaged - one day the wedding will come. Hear 2 Cor 11 when Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth:

“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.” 2Co 11:2

As we wait for that day we are to keep ourselves pure, like a virgin kept for the husband of her life. For a Christian our husband has sought me out, died for me to buy me - and keeps me for the day I will be with him forever. **Therefore honour God with your body.”** 1Co 6:12-20

To round off

The fact that we as Christians have liberty, means we also have responsibility. How will you and I use that freedom? Is what I choose to do wise? Is it beneficial? Is it contrary to any law in the Bible, or principle? Will it dishonour the Lord if he was here now – which he is. Will it cause my brother to stumble? Does what I have chosen to do commend Christ to outsiders?

Those who follow the Lord are to shun the world and its ways

Glorify God; but not simply by refraining from immorality: the body, i.e. the whole person, is to be used positively in Christian service cf. Rom. 12:1

To live a Holy separated life, and this is immensely practical; As he indwells us we are to use our bodies, with His energy and strength to love Him and love His people, generously helping and serving one another.

■ At the conference we were given a piece of paper. Write down what you can do without the Lord. Pens were poised, but there was nothing to write, for without him you can do nothing.

The Lord wants to fulfil his purposes in the world and he has chosen to do it through you. Let us be that fit vessel for him? End

金斯諾頓浸信會教堂 2025年1月12日星期日上午10點 你身體的聖殿

開篇聖經。

聖歌 MP 631 訴說我的靈魂

聖經詩篇 32 (頁560)

禱告

兒童講座 活水

合唱 MP 676 沒有一種愛能像耶穌的愛

通知時間。十字軍今日又回來了。晚間服務。

下週日下午 DE。

成員在教會小會議室舉行小型會議 11:40

主禱文 - 奉獻箱首頁 - 禱告中提到奉獻

讀哥林多前書 6:1-11 (第 1147 頁)

雅各書 4 : 1-10, (第 1217 頁)

聖歌 MP 674 遠處有一座青山

講道 摻假的信仰?

聖詩 MP 624 帶走我的生命, 讓它隨它去 (2:54)

結束禱告

禱告

在一個主日學家庭中, 母親花了很多時間上網, 常常整晚。有一天, 她帶著七個孩子消失了。她拋棄了丈夫, 一夜之間搬到了蘇格蘭與另一個男人一起生活。丈夫悲痛欲絕。她在網路上的調情、她的不忠最終導致她放棄了自己的承諾和諾言。這種事並不罕見, 遠非如此。她已經追隨了自己的熱情, 為什麼不呢? 沒有法律禁止這種行為。有人認為, 擁有一段戀情是件好事, 當然今天很多人都相信這一點。

治療師米拉·基爾什鮑姆 (Mira Kirshenbaum) 表示, 欺騙配偶可能是一種福氣, 而不是一種罪。

“欺騙自己的配偶並不是一個道德行為,”她說, “大多數有外遇的男人和女人都是犯了錯誤的好人。”通姦甚至可以幫助婚姻。

另一位, 林賽弗雷澤 (Lyndsey Fraser) 表示, 我們已經形成了激勵我們發生婚外情的文化。

“畢竟,”她說, “婚外情有很多直接的好處.....一個簡單的解決辦法, 給不令人滿意的關係一個創可貼。”然後她列出了優點和缺點。

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「我什麼都可以做」是公元一世紀哥林多的口號。抱歉, 我指的是教堂的口號。這座城市的口號很快就飄揚在教堂上空。這不是外面的世界, 而是這裡的信徒。上帝的聖潔分離的子民怎麼了?

「凡事我都可行」是的, 基督確實死了, 為我贖回了自由, 但你是否誤解了這意味著什麼? 使徒保羅回答說: “這也許是允許的——但並非一切都有益。”

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再次是口號：“一切對我來說都是允許的”，但要小心——但我不會被任何東西所控制。

□ 自由伴隨著責任，而責任需要智慧。

當亞伯蘭對羅得說，這片土地就在你面前，你可以選擇走哪條路、佔據哪一部分。羅得濫用了自由，行為愚蠢，為自己做出選擇，忽視了罪的力量，過著極大羞辱買下他的主的生活。- 讓我們都謹慎對待我們的自由！

我們必須小心。這個口號在《哥林多前書》10:23 中再次出現「凡事都可行」——

我們確實有自由，但這段經文講的是濫用這種自由，濫用基督教自由。“但並非一切都是建設性的。”

他們相信他們在基督裡是自由的，而事實上他們在基督裡確實是自由的——

但是濫用會讓我們重新陷入奴役。沒有基督的世界不懂自由。

愚蠢的是，哥林多城的基督徒仍然保留著以前許多不道德的做法。他們所居住城市的道德標準一直縈繞在他們心頭。由於這是正常的、可以接受的，也沒有法律禁止，所以他們認為自己是安全的。他們忘了自己所受的聖召，用上述口號為自己辯解。他們將這種思想融入他們的新信仰中，使得幾乎一切事情都變得被允許。

今天是什麼日子？成長過程中聽過哪些口號？“只要不傷害任何人，你想做什麼就做什麼。”

「做你自己的事情，你選擇，這是你的生活，一生一世，活下去。」這種想法很容易被接受。這些對你的影響有多大？當然你看不到它。

所以有一組口號，聽聽第二條口號「13 食物為胃而胃為食物」那麼食物和胃到底是什麼呢？

那時，與今天不同的是，食物，也就是肉，是與偶像崇拜連結在一起的。它是作為崇拜的一部分而供奉的，並在異教寺廟中被食用。

當哥林多人成為基督徒時，他就擺脫了所有的偶像崇拜，可以自由地問心無愧地吃肉。

但異教寺廟卻與不道德和淫亂有關。

邪惡思想的運作方式是，認為因為我可以自由地吃東西——所以我也可以自由地對我的身體做其他事情。

看看這個邏輯，性行為不是像吃飯一樣自然短暫嗎？食物和不道德被等同起來，基督徒就陷入其中。

是的——由於食物和不道德是等同的，因此必須格外小心地對待它們。在《使徒行傳》第 15

章中，有一封指示信發給了各教會：你們要禁戒祭偶像的食物、血、勒死的動物的肉和淫亂。徒 15:29

你最好避免這些事情，避免一件事將有助於你避免另一件事。

保羅對此花費了大量筆墨，參考哥林多前書第 8 章和羅馬書第 14 章。

□ 他們讓一件事滑向另一件事。

保羅必須指出，食物為肚子而生，肚子為食物而生，這兩者是有區別的，但上帝會毀滅它們兩者。

有些人認為這是對我們未來狀態的一種暗示，我們永恆的人類身體將不再需要食物？我不知道。當然，未來的身體不會有任何錯誤的熱情。或許也沒有正確的性行為，因為在新的秩序中，我們將像天使一樣，不會結婚。

那就這樣吧，現在沒事了！不，不。

我們沒有隨心所欲吃飯的自由，我們的食物攝取量必須定量，我們必須小心，不能陷入暴飲暴食。我們可以喝酒，但絕不能過量或醉酒。

□ 胃需要食物才能正常運作，而『身體』則需要主才能正常運作。

耶穌吃飯，但他沒有用他的身體進行性行為。祂向我們展示了你我如何用我們的思想、心靈和身體來愛主。當我們認識到我們的身體是為了透過上帝的服務和犧牲的目的來實現時，我們就會這樣做。我們的每一部分，包括思想、精神和身體，都能在基督裡找到真正的滿足。6：54。參見菲爾。1.20；希伯來書10:5，

身體不是為淫亂而有的，乃是為主而有的，主也是為身體而有的。這是重點教學。

在西方，我們的思維是還原論的，也就是說，我們將所有事物簡化為組成部分。我們將身體與靈魂分開。在東方，我們被視為一個不可分割的整體。對保羅來說，身體不只是物質層面的東西：它與我們的整個人格息息相關。

希臘人認為精神生活才是真正重要的，物質生活則不然。因為精神是永恆的，所以它很重要，而物質是暫時的，所以並不重要。只要你相信自己的思想和精神——你如何對待自己的身體真的不重要。

許多宗教都是這樣的。他們會拼命捍衛自己的信仰，卻又和其他人一樣生活，在選擇汽車、房子、飲食時，沒有必要謙虛，他們所宣稱的信仰也不會抑制他們的慾望，虔誠的外表下，存在不道德的行為。

不，不在這裡。但願任何自稱是基督徒的人不要忽視基本的道德教義。利用我們的身體做不道德的行為？絕不。用我們的眼睛去看爛電影裡的不道德永遠不要。我們不應該像我們周圍的人一樣生活。

上帝已經明確表示，身體用於性行為的正確場所是一男一女的終身結合。
“二人成為一體。”正如上帝向亞當和夏娃所展示的。

我們可以看到這一點，因為保羅在下一段經文中立即繼續談論婚姻。保羅把他們的性困惑說得很清楚。

婚外性行為是錯誤的、不道德的。

我們的身體從來不是為了這樣的目的而形成的，我們的身體是為了主，為了服事和榮耀上帝。它應該成為公義的工具，達到聖潔（羅 6:19），而絕不能成為不潔的工具。

14 神用自己的能力使主從死裡復活，祂也必使我們復活。

主的復活——和我們的復活——密切相關，參見。哥林多前書15:20；只讀記憶體。811；菲爾。

3：21。保羅提醒我們，我們現在的肉體必須得到適當的重視和利用。正如我們復活的身體。

15:35f。是為了實現上帝的目的。我們的生活現在是物質的——並且將來也將是物質的。正如基督擁有肉身一樣——基督現在也擁有肉身。他把那個身體帶到了天堂。天堂裡有一個人。主用收穫的比喻，說耶穌是“初熟的果子”，而地上其餘的莊稼，是主所召喚和選中的人將追隨的。我們將遵循 x2。

現在，身體是會腐爛和死亡的，但基督徒可以期待一個新的不朽的、不朽的身體，永遠居住。這不是帳篷，而是房子，不是臨時的，而是永久的。

15 豈不知你們的身體是基督的肢體嗎？

如果靈魂透過信仰與基督結合，那麼整個人，包括思想、精神和身體，都是他神秘身體的成員。身體與基督聯合，靈魂亦然。對我們基督徒來說這是莫大的榮耀！我的肉體是基督神秘身體的一部分。

那麼我應該把基督的肢體與妓女結合嗎？絕不！這種想法令人厭惡，為什麼呢？

妓女與異教寺廟有關，並被視為異教崇拜的一部分。在科林斯有上千人。求助於廟妓意味著求助於陌生的神。但凡與妓女結合的，便是與她在肉體上成為一體，這是上帝只有在婚姻狀態下才會規定的。我能夠與基督聯合，在精神上與祂合而為一，同時又與妓女聯合，與她成為一體嗎？這種想法是令人厭惡的，上帝禁止——基督徒的身體是基督的成員，基督徒的身體絕對不能成為妓女的成員。主為身體，身體為主。那我怎麼才能把基督的東西當作我自己的東西來使用呢？我們不是業主，而是管理者，我們受託負責，幫我照顧好這一切。

16 你們豈不知與娼妓聯合的，便是與她成為一體嗎？

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字面意思是『黏合』。這種聯繫已經達到了盡可能緊密的程度。諺語將這條路描述為通往墳墓的高速公路。我怎麼能把基督的成員置於死地，殺死他們呢？哥林多的基督徒正是這樣做的。但願我們中的任何人不要以這種方式羞辱主。

我們不會去異教寺廟崇拜。自我表達、自我提升、自我滿足，電視節目和電影充滿了不忠、通姦，你會用它們來娛樂自己嗎？

當聖靈住在我們心中時，祂是多麼的悲傷。祂多麼渴望我們與基督結合，好讓我們在靈性上與祂合而為一。

17 但與主聯合的，便是與主一靈了。

基督徒的身體和人格，我們的整個存在都是結合的、結合在一起的、與主結婚的。

我們應該這樣看待它。我們訂婚了，他的精神保證了即將到來的婚禮。

訂婚的人不該跟別人私奔！

主談到與祂立約的以色列，已婚的以色列，我給了不忠的以色列離婚證書，並因為她所有的通姦行為而把她趕走。因為以色列的不道德行為對她來說微不足道，她玷污了土地並犯了通姦罪耶利米書 3:8-9

耶和華在何西阿書中又說：「這地的人犯了最可憎的姦淫，離棄了耶和華。」何 1:2

逃避性不道德。逃跑、反對是不夠的：需要採取規避行動。請參閱文章中的祈使句 - 無意 v13、永不結束 v15、逃離 v18。逃離表示一種持續的態度和行動。10:14；1帖撒羅尼迦前書4：3。

其他惡習也可以透過戰鬥來克服，但只有透過逃跑才能克服。跑步！

人所犯的所有其他罪孽都在他身體之外，但犯下性罪孽的人卻是對自己身體的犯罪。

性罪將身體的力量交給另一個人，使身體變得卑鄙。這種罪惡有所不同——沒有什麼罪惡比它污染更嚴重。

其他罪孽，例如過量的食物或飲料，都來自外界。正如耶穌所說，這些來自外部並穿過身體。性慾源自內心，使我們變得不潔、被污染。就像發自內心的咒罵，保羅在羅馬書第 3

章中將其描述為一種惡臭，就像下水道的蓋子被掀開了一樣。有一股惡臭，讓人感到厭惡。

不道德的女人試圖使自己變得有吸引力，但對主來說，男人和女人都是骯髒的，並且散發出惡臭。

願沒有基督徒會犯下這樣的罪。這是為了對抗那位透過聯合基督徒而使基督徒變得神聖的聖者。

19 豈不知你們的身子就是聖靈的殿嗎？

你不知道嗎？是的，這是所有基督徒都應該知道的基本真理。每個基督徒都是聖靈的個人聖殿或殿堂。你知道嗎？你忘了嗎？還是選擇忘記？

由於聖殿屬於上帝，因此基督徒並不是獨立的。如果你是基督徒並且皈依了基督，那麼你就屬於他，你屬於他。你被佔有、被居住、被奉獻並被分別為聖以供祂使用。

聖殿是神聖的，因為它是上帝居住的地方。在主降臨，首先居住在聖幕，然後居住在聖殿之前，他們必須被潔淨、被淨化。這就是當罪人被寬恕時發生的事情，我們的罪孽被洗清，我們所有的罪孽垃圾都被清除了。我們被清理乾淨了。你有遇過這樣的情況嗎？主如何看待你？你是這樣看待自己的嗎？基督的血能使最邪惡的罪人得到潔淨。

這就是基督在十字架上所做的，祂的精神現在發揮作用。我們怎麼能讓污垢再次進入？

你不屬於你自己；20 你們是用重價買來的。買。

在美國南部，一名男子經過一處奴隸販賣場所。一些粗魯的男人看著這些奴隸的可憐命運，開玩笑，並討論買下這些奴隸後要做什麼。第一個人聽到這個就開始競價，他的出價遠遠超出了通常的價格。他走向這個女孩，女孩尖叫起來並朝他臉上吐口水。他把她綁起來並說「我很快就會回來」。當他回來時，他遞給他一封捲起來的信。她打開它，發現這是她的救贖文件，她自由了。該男子已支付了釋放費。他買下了她——是為了釋放她。

基督徒是被買來的奴隸。耶穌為自己贖買的身體。我們現在屈服於他了。祂以祂的精神居住在我們心中。

那麼，我們可以褻瀆祂的聖殿嗎？玷污它，並將它提供給妓女使用和服務嗎？可怕的褻瀆行為！上帝的靈無法居住於此！

我記得東西伯利亞的哈巴羅夫斯克，它是西伯利亞鐵路線上的——個站點，位於符拉迪沃斯托克海軍基地之前。我持久的、壓倒一切的記憶是.....廁所。沒有門，一切都覆蓋著厚厚的污垢。惡臭令人難以忍受。

這真令人震驚。怎麼會有人去。有什麼重要人物可以進去？聖靈不能居住，也不會住在骯髒的器皿裡。

基督在十字架上的工作是為了救贖我們，將我們從奴役中解救出來，從罪惡的束縛和奴役中解放出來，現在變得潔淨.....成為主純潔的新娘。我們是他的，已訂婚——終有一天，婚禮會到來。聽聽哥林多後書第 11 章，保羅對哥林多的基督徒說：

「我為你感到一種神聖的嫉妒。我已經把你們許配給一個丈夫，就是基督，要把你們如同純潔的處女獻給他。林後 11:2
當我們等待那一天到來時，我們要保持純潔，就像處女為她一生的丈夫保留純潔一樣。身為基督徒，我們的丈夫找到了我，為我而死，救贖了我——並祝福我，直到有一天我會永遠和他在一起。因此，用你的身體來尊敬上帝。林前 6:12-20

四捨五入

身為基督徒，我們擁有自由，這意味著我們也有責任。你和我將如何運用這自由？我所選擇要做的事明智嗎？它有益嗎？這是否違反《聖經》中的任何律法或原則？如果他現在還在這裡——事實上他還在這裡——這是否會對主造成羞辱？這會讓我弟弟跌倒嗎？我所選擇要做的事是否能向外人宣揚基督？

跟隨主的人要遠離世界和它的方式

榮耀上帝；但不僅僅是透過避免不道德的行為：身體，即整個人，都要積極地用於基督教服務，參見只讀記憶體。12；1
過著神聖而分離的生活，這是非常實際的；當祂住在我們心中時，我們要用我們的身體，用祂的能量和力量去愛祂、愛祂的子民，慷慨地互相幫助、互相服務。

在會議上我們收到了一張紙。寫下沒有上帝你也能做什麼。筆已準備好，但卻沒有什麼可寫，因為沒有他你什麼也做不了。

上帝想要實現祂在世上的目的，祂選擇透過你來實現。讓我們成為祂那合適的容器嗎？

__結尾