QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD
JEREMIAH 15:16
THEME: Our Bodies Are The Temple Of The Holy Spirit

The cult of self-ownership is so prevalent in today's world that it is accepted without question and without subjecting it to Holy Scriptures. A woman may have an abortion – "It is my body and I have the final say!" A man or woman may tattoo, pierce or mutilate their body in any fashion they see fit – "It is my body…!" Women may dress in men's clothing, men may dress in women's clothing, either as full-blown cross-dressers or simply as vain and self-willed individuals – "It is my body…!".

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. God the Holy Spirit teaches us in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, ***"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own ? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."***

This trend began, on the woman's side of things, with the abortion movement and the mantra that a woman's body was her own. It began on the man's side with the anti-establishment movement of the 60's which included long hair, grunge attire and a view that no one could tell him how to dress or what to do with his body.

During this period, when a person came to Christ, it was immediately evident. I could always tell when a guy in my evangelistic Bible study or one of his friend's study came to Christ. He sobered up, quit smoking, cut his hair, either shaved or trimmed his mustache and beard and began dressing in an acceptable manner. Of course there were inward changes as well, but the outward change was immediately recognizable. His friends would respond, "Hey man, what's with you?!?!" This response is foretold in holy Scripture, (1 Peter 4:4 ***"In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;"***) His response would be to share Christ, their response would be to laugh and persecute. By God's grace he would apply the Word of God as given by God the Holy Spirit in Romans 12:1-2 ***"I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*** He gave a clear demonstration, not only by word of mouth but also by lifestyle change, that he had been born again.

How things have changed. I remember sharing with my son's Youth Minister: "It has been a long time since I have seen a CD cover of a popular Christian singer that I would want my son or daughter to emulate." Now, brother Donny Anthony was in every way a model for Sam of what a Christian gentleman should be – in dress, in language, in sports, in walk with God-- modeled it for Sam. When brother Donny was called to another church, John Ballenger took his place. John was a graduate of Texas A & M University and had served in the Corps of Cadets. He was also in every way an example for the young men of the church of what a Christian gentleman should be. It is a shame, though, that the CD covers and concert behavior of popular Christian musicians does not offer our sons and daughters an alternative to the world's mold.

They do so because they believe their bodies are their own to do with as they please. If they feel certain appearance or behavior will help the spread of the gospel, then they feel they can do with their body as they feel best. The same goes for some families. They feel that how they dress, body piercings, tattoos, smoking, drinking, abortion and more is none of anyone's business but the individuals. This is the world view of today, but God would not have us squeezed into the world's mold. What is God's alternative to the cult of self-ownership? It is my hope that these daily devotionals, done privately or as a part of your family's daily altar, will help you understand what the Word of God says on the subject, breaking free from the world's mold and causing surprise to all the pagans who know you.

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Corinthians 3:16, 23; I Corinthians 7:23

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Leviticus 19:28; Deuteronomy 14:1

How does this passage relate to cutting, tattoos or severe treatment of the body?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Colossians 2:18, 23

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Corinthians 6:18 – 20; Galatians 5:24

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Corinthians 6:9; 11:14 & 15

How does this passage relate to effeminate, transsexual or gender neutral appearance?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 22:5

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Ephesians 2:20 – 22

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Romans 1:26 & 27

How does this passage relate to homosexual or bisexual behavior?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Corinthians 6:14 - 17

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Ephesians 5:18;Proverbs 23:20, 21

How does this passage relate to drunkenness and/or gluttony?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 73:1 – 9 (4 & 7)

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Corinthians 3:16; 6:15 - 19

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Peter 2:11; II Peter 2:18 & 19; I Thessalonians 4:3

How does this passage relate to fleshly lusts?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Galatians 5:1 & 13

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 17; Romans 8:6 – 11

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 24:1; I Corinthians 15:33; I Corinthians 8:9 - 12

How does this passage relate to causing others to stumble by our use of our Temple in actions or appearance?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Thessalonians 5:22; Ephesians 5:3 & 4; Romans 4:19 & 20

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