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WHO OWNS YOU?

Many people think that even as a Christian they can still do whatever they want, but is this truth?

1st and 2nd Corinthians were written to believers at Corinth. Corinth was a city that had temple prostitutes, and every kind of sexual sin imaginable. They could be definitely defined as lost sinners, living in the world.

Paul preached there and many came to know the Lord. He planted a church there. They had not known anything about the God of the Jews, and especially ignorant about Jesus Christ. Paul wrote two letters to the Church at Corinth, and chapter 6 tells them that sexual sin was forbidden for a Christian.

In verses 19 and 20 he talks about ownership. It says, ***“What? Know yet 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. 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, WHICH ARE GOD’S.”***

You see, when we become a Christian, we give up all rights. God now resides within us, and we belong to HIM. Many are not aware of this ownership in the body of Christ. Yet, it is written here in 1st Corinthians 6:19-20. We must surrender our will to God in EVERY area of our lives. Our thoughts, our deeds, our communication, everything should be filtered through our spirit, which is led by the Holy Spirit.

The simplest way to live in peace with God is to ask yourself, “Would Jesus do this?” “Would Jesus go there?” “Would Jesus say this?” “Would Jesus watch this?”

Our bodies are the temple of God who resides within our spirit. 1 Corinthians 3:17 says, ***“If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”*** This leads me to understand that we cannot do things that are sinful without reaping the consequences. Remember, you are not your own if you have made Jesus Lord of your life. You belong to him.

So, the question today is this: Who owns you? Have you truly surrendered ownership to God in every area of your life?