

Nakedness, Clothing & Sex
1 Corinthians 6:12–20, 7:1-5
July 6, 2014
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children’s Sermon: Modesty?

1 Timothy 2:9–10 (HCSB)

⁹ Also, the women are to *dress themselves* in **modest clothing**, *with decency* and *good sense*, **not** with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel, ¹⁰ **but** *with good works*, as is proper for women who affirm that they worship God.

Key Idea

God gives us our bodies to teach us about our shame, his grace and our sweet communion with Jesus forever!

B. The “Good” Use of Our Bodies (What & Why)

1. Review: To be “Good” is to Function according to Your Purpose

1 Corinthians 6:13–20

¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. ***The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord***, and the Lord for the body.

2. A Brief Biblical Case for Modesty
3. “One Flesh” Intimacy (Sex) – Gen. 2:24

II. A Brief Biblical Case for Modesty: Nakedness, Shame & Clothing

- A. Adam & Eve (Genesis 2-3)
- B. Jerusalem (*Ezekiel 16:3–14ff.)
- C. The Church in Laodicea

Revelation 3:17–18

¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and **naked**. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from

me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and *white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen...*

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, *prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

III. “One Flesh” Intimacy (Sex): The “Good” Use of Our Bodies

[Ephesians 4:29 (not crude or crass)

²⁹ Let *no corrupting talk* come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.]

A. Our Culture: The Biology Context ¹

1 Corinthians 6:13b

...The body is *not meant* for *sexual immorality*...

1. I can do what I want with *my* body
2. I can use my sexuality any way that pleases *me*
3. My gender is *my* choice

B. The Bible: The Glory of God Context

1. My body *belongs to God*

1 Corinthians 6:13c–14

...*but for the Lord*, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

2. My body is for *God’s glory!*

1 Corinthians 6:15–20

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are *members of Christ*? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes *one body* with her? For, as it is written,

¹ William P. Smith. How to Talk to Your Kid about Sex. (p.5-8).

“The two will become one flesh.”¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes ***one spirit with him.***¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person ***sins against his own body.***¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So **glorify God in your body.**

Romans 6:12–14

[since we are united to Jesus in his death and resurrection...]

¹² **Let not sin therefore reign** in your mortal body, to make you ***obey its passions.***¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, **but present yourselves to God** as those who have been brought from death to life, ***and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.***¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

3. Sexuality was Created for ***Intimacy***

1 Corinthians 7:1–4

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”² But ***because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.***³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ...

- a. Actively keeping yourself single and pure is a good/better thing than marriage!
- b. Our sexuality is exclusive

- c, Sexuality between a man & his wife was created to express a faithful, intimacy/unity. (Jesus)

Ephesians 5:30–32

³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*”

³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

IV. God Gives Us Power to Stop Sinning against Our Own Bodies!

- A. Negatively: Understand the Nature of Sexual Immorality (And Confess it!)

Proverbs 9:13–18

¹³ The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. [She sits ...calling to those who pass by] ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” And to him who lacks sense she says, ¹⁷ “*Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.*” ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there...

- B. Positively: Use Your Body to Honor Your Eternal Husband (Pray for it!)

1. If you are single...
 - a. Sex is not ultimate
 - b. Remember modesty
 - c. Jesus, your husband, is pleased
2. If you are married...
 - a. Your body belongs to your spouse...
 - b. Do not use your sexuality for merely personal pleasure
 - c. Use your sexuality for its appointed purpose (Exclusive, Intimacy...Man & Woman)
 - d. Remember modesty