



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

## **The Stewardship of My Temple** **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (Context 6:9-20)** **Stewardship Month 2014** **January 12, 2014**

### **OPENING**

- Over the years we have looked at the stewardship of ... Our TIME, TALENTS, TREASURE, TESTIMONY, THINGS, and Our TELLING of the Good News (Missions).

**QUOTE:** “According to the usage of the word in the Scripture, a steward was either a slave or a freeman who was given household responsibilities either as a guardian of the children or **administrator** of the affairs of the household.” Dr. David Jeremiah, *Biblical Stewardship*

**Whatever the sub-theme of stewardship, there are always three elements in the message:**

- 1) The **Relationship** (The owner and the steward)
- 2) The **Responsibility** (The steward is indebted to the owner and has received a charge, a duty)
- 3) The **Reckoning** (There will come a time of accountability in which accounts will be settled)

- One of the greatest examples of a steward is **Eliezer**, Abram's steward in Genesis 15 and 24.
- In the New Testament, the words *epitropos* (a guardian or representative of a child) and *oikonomos* (a headservant charged with **managing** the household and/or property of the owner) are used. They appear together in **Galatians 4:1-2**.

### Figurative descriptions of our body:

1. House (2 Cor. 5:1)
  2. House of **clay** (Job 4:19)
  3. Earthen vessel (2 Cor. 4:7)
  4. **Tent** (2 Pet. 1:13)
  5. **Temple** of God (1 Cor. 3:16, 17)
  6. Members of **Christ** (1 Cor. 6:15)
- Here are four great truths:
    - I. God **Dwells** in My Body (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16)
    - II. God **Owns** My Body
      - A. As **Creator** (Gen. 2:7; Ps. 139:14)
      - B. Stamped with His **Image** (Gen. 9:6)
      - C. Fallen Man Redeemed (Rom. 1:24; 1 Cor. 6:20; Col. 3:10; 2 Cor. 4:16B)
    - III. God Expects that I Should **Honor** Him in My Body
      - A. **Present** Your Body to God (Rom. 12:1)
      - B. **Glorify** God in Your Body (1 Cor. 6:20)
      - C. **Discipline** Your Body (1 Cor. 9:27)
      - D. Reflect **Christ** through Our Body (2 Cor. 4:7-11)
      - E. Stop Using the Cry of Christian **Liberty** as an Excuse to Please Your Flesh (Gal. 5:13)

**F. Live in the Spirit to Win the Battle over the Flesh (Gal. 5:16-17)**

**Born to Serve the Lord**, Evangelist Bud Chambers

**IV. God Cautions Us as to the Use of Each Member of Our Body**

- First, let's look at some concentrated truth in two passages from Proverbs.

**Proverbs 4:23-27**

- We are to guard our HEART
- We are to guard our MOUTH
- We are to guard our EYES
- We are to guard our FEET

**Proverbs 6:16-19**

- EYES. God hates a proud look.
- TONGUE. God hates a lying tongue.
- HANDS. God hate hands that harm the innocent.
- HEART. God hates a heart caught up in wicked imagination.
- FEET. God hates feet that are quick to run toward wrongdoing.
- MOUTH. God hates a false witness that spreads lies, and He hates someone who spreads discord and dissent among His people.

**HERE ARE SOME FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BIBLE ON THE USE OF THE PARTS OF OUR BODY.**

1. **Our Heart/Mind (Prov. 28:26; Jer. 17:9; Ps. 139:23-24; Mt. 12:35)**
2. **Our Mouth/Tongue/Lips (Jn. 8:44; Eph. 4:25, 29, 30-31; Jam. 1:26)**
3. **Our Eyes (Ps. 101:3A, 5; Mt. 6:22)**

4. Our Feet (Josh. 1:7; Ps. 1:1; 40:2; Hag. 1:5; Eph. 5:15; 2 Thess. 3:3)
5. Our Hands (Gen. 3:22; Ps. 47:1; Prov. 31:19-20; Isaiah 1:15; Jn. 19:3; 1 Thess. 4:11)
6. Our Sexual Members
  - a. Do Not Use Your **Body**, Which Belongs to Christ, to Sin Sexually (1 Cor. 6:9-18)
  - b. No Sin is **Irresistible** (1 Cor. 10:13)
  - c. Avoiding Sexual Sin is the Stated **Will** of God (1 Thess. 4:3-5)
  - d. We are to Give God the **Use** of Our Body (Rom. 6:12-14)

## CONCLUSION

At the Resurrection, our body is to be:

1. Redeemed (Rom. 8:23)
2. **Raised** (John 5:28, 29)
3. **Changed** (Phil. 3:21)
4. **Glorified** (Rom. 8:29, 30)
5. **Judged** (2 Cor. 5:10)
6. Perfected (1 Thess. 5:23)
  - Fight with everything within you to remain pure.
  - Pure on the **outside**, pure on the **inside**.
  - But one day, when the Lord comes for us, this battle will be over.
  - You and I will receive the “redemption of the **body**.”
  - We will receive the **final** level of sanctification.
  - So, be strong, be faithful until He comes.