

# GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY

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**Introduction:** The purpose of the Christian is very clear “Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body; and God both raised the Lord, and will raise up us through his power. Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid” (1 Cor.6:13-15).

There are two basic life styles under which we all fall: 1) GOD’S CHOICE FOR YOU - ACCEPTABLE SATAN’S CHOICE FOR YOU - 2) UNACCEPTABLE

## I. BEHAVIOR THAT GLORIFIES GOD.

- A. Notice first from the O.T. that God expects a certain kind of behavior.
1. In Lev.10:1-2 - Aarons two sons Nadab & Abihu offered strange fire before the Lord and died.
    - a. Moses explained to Aaron why.
    - b. vs.3 - “Moses said unto Aaron, this is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be santified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be GLORIFIED. And Aaron held his peace.”
  2. Moses continues on in Lev.10:10 to teach a difference between “holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;” as he dealt with their behavior.
  3. In Lev.19:2 - We read “Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.”
    - a. This verse is later quoted by Peter “Like He who called you is holy, be ye your selves holy IN ALL MANNER OF LIVING; because it is written, ye shall be holy; for am holy.” (1 Pet.1:15-16).
- B. Lets’ direct our attention to some other key N.T. passages
1. **1 Tim.3:15** - but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
  2. **2 Cor. 1:12** - “...that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and

more abundantly to you-ward.

3. **Eph.2:3** - among whom we also all once lived (same word for behaved) in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:--
  4. **Heb.13:18** - Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things.
- C. Our entire life is made up of behavior. You can’t be pleasing to God and behave badly.
1. We are to “be the light” (**Mt.5:19**)
  2. Our lives are to be “a holy sacrifice” (**Rom.12:1**)
  3. We are not our own (**1 Cor.6:20**)
- ## II. WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT OUR BEHAVIOR:
- A. How we conduct ourselves shows WHO WE have allowed to WORK IN US!
- B. Again we only have two choices.
1. GOD - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; (Eph.1:17)
  2. SATAN - (Eph.2:2-3)
- C. For us to be pleasing to God there is specific behavior He expects found in I Thessalonias 4 and 5:
1. “Abstain from fornication” (4:3)
  2. “Posses yourself in santification and honor (4:5)
  3. “Do now wrong a brother” (4:6)
  4. “Grieve not the Holy Spirit” (4:8)
  5. “Abound more and more” (4:10)
  6. “Study to be quiet, do your own business, walk becomingly toward them that are without” (4:11)
- D. Paul goes on to explain that the day of the Lord should take none of us by surprise and why - “...But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness;” (1 Thess.5:4-5)
1. “Watch and be sober” (5:6)
  2. “Put on the breastplate of fath and love...” (5:8)