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MONTHLY BIBLE READING

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MARCH 2025

DAY 81

Joshua 12-14 • 1 Cor. 7

Scripture Reading

"Unselfish Use of Our Bodies"

1 Corinthians 7:1-7, 32-35

TODAY'S FOCUS

Unmarried people are concerned about the Lord's affairs: being devoted to the Lord, but married people are concerned about how to please their spouse. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
1 Corinthians 6 makes it clear that our bodies do not belong to us but instead as believers our bodies belong to God. 1 Corinthians 7 takes that truth to the next step by applying it to everyone and provides instructions regarding how we are to treat our bodies in the context of others. Everyone is in one of 2 groups, married or unmarried (single), and is to see their bodies not as their own possession but rather as a servant for the purposes of God.

Just as it was for the people of Corinth, it is natural and tempting for us to be selfish in the use of our bodies. Married people are to guard against selfishness that leads to depriving their partner of intimacy and care. Single people are to guard against selfishness that keeps them too busy with their own desires having little or no time for the ministry of God.

We are created for God's glory, and we are to use our bodies in such a way that others receive the love of God. Though some have interpreted scripture that abuse in one form or another is acceptable, the Bible does not teach that. When we read scripture in light of its full context, we understand the power of the love of God for us to be loved, receive love and to give love in how we use our bodies.

When we are God centered, we are able to balance self-care with the care for others just like Jesus. Jesus gave Himself to others while not losing Himself because He knew who He was and His purpose (John 13:1-5).

Prayer

Father, help us to see our bodies and lives as Your possessions and use them in godly ways in ministering to others to bring You glory and further Your kingdom, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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DAY 89

Judges. 8 • Psalms. 42 • 1 Cor. 15

Scripture Reading

We Will Be Changed

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

TODAY'S FOCUS

The perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:53

Ours is a world in which iron rusts, paint peels, flowers fade, computers crash, businesses go bankrupt, and our bodies break down and die. Easter, however, is the overture to the last trumpet call. At the sound of that trumpet, “the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed” “in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye.” Easter is the introduction to the time when our perishable bodies will be clothed with the imperishable and our mortal bodies with immortality.

Death proves that we are not now naturally immortal. Death proves that mere fallen “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.” In other words, unless you somehow undergo a radical change, you will never enter the kingdom of eternal life with God. Easter is the glorious evidence that such profound change can happen. Easter faith, resurrection faith, is the conviction that it will happen. And personal faith is the conviction that it will happen to each believer personally.

Do you believe that it will happen to you? Do you have resurrection faith? Easter is the evidence that God is far stronger than Satan, that good is stronger than evil, that truth is stronger than the lie, that love is stronger than hate, and that life is stronger than death. Thank God for Easter!

Prayer

*Heavenly Father, without resurrection, our faith is useless. Convict us so powerfully of the good news of Easter that we can already today begin to live new lives. In Jesus.
Amen.*

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