

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEDICATE YOUR BODY TO MINISTRY?

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Romans 12:1

Romans 12:1 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Our bodies are suppose to be canisters for the Holy Spirit to fill with His presence. Unfortunately, most people do not see it this way. Some people see their bodies as a resources for pleasure and vanity. While others do not see the value of their body at all.

People who see their bodies as a resource for pleasure surrender their bodies to sexual immorality. People who

see their bodies as a resource for vanity decorate their bodies with tattoos, piercings, etc, treating their bodies like a canvas rather than a temple. All of the examples mentioned above are **AGAINST** the Kingdom of God as it pertains to your body. Please reference the scriptures below.

1st Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "Surely you know that the people who do wrong will not inherit God's kingdom. Do not be fooled. Those who sin sexually, worship idols, take part in adultery, those who are male prostitutes, or men who have sexual relations with other men, those who steal, are greedy, get drunk, lie about others, or rob—these people will not inherit God's Kingdom."

Leviticus 19:28, says, "You must not cut your body to show sadness for someone who died or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord."

Your body is suppose to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Monitoring what you put **IN** and **ON** your body is how you are suppose to manage the temple of your body.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- Feeding your body with **HEALTHY FOODS** protects and reduces the risk of contracting diseases.
- Keeping your body in **SHAPE** keeps you mobile and energize to **DO** God's will.
- Keeping the body **FREE** from cuts and piercings protects it from **POTENTIAL** infections.

A LIVING SACRIFICE

The purpose of your body is to be presented as a living sacrifice. When your body is presented as a living sacrifice it means that you are allowing the Holy Spirit to **USE YOUR BODY** for accessing earth's activities so God's will can be completed on the earth.

Any spirit, whether righteous or demonic needs a body to possess so it can accomplish their agenda on the earth.

King Jesus is subjected to His own divine laws. In Genesis 1:26 God gave man dominion over the earth when He said, "let THEM have dominion."

When God did this He removed Himself from earth's equation. At that moment earth was under the control of man and anyone who wanted to participate in the activities of earth had to enter the earth as a man, through a **BODY**.

As powerful and as great as the Holy Spirit is He is not going to defy the laws of the Kingdom of God. This is why He needs you to become a living sacrifice so your body can become the vessel of righteousness.

When you dedicate your body to become a living sacrifice this is **MINISTRY**. When you are taking care of your health so your body can function properly this is **MINISTRY**.

When you are submissive to the instructions of the Holy Spirit so He can get glory through your body this is **MINISTRY**.

This is why it is imperative that you care for your body. God will not do much with you if you are overweight, unhealthy and stricken with disease. How much can He do with a damage container?

How far can He take you if you are short of breath? How much can He use you if your body is always tired? Your body is an **ESSENTIAL** part of God's ministry.

REMEMBER THIS STATEMENT:

Without God man **CANNOT**. Without man God **WILL NOT**.

God **NEEDS** your body like you need Him. It is essential and necessary. Take care of your body. It is great to develop your mind but if you neglect the condition of your body you will limit your effectiveness! You need to be whole in mind, **BODY** and spirit.

According to 3rd John 3:1-2 God's desire is for you to prosper and be in **GOOD HEALTH**. For if you are in good

health there is no limit to what God can do **THROUGH**
you.

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