

**SERMON: It Ain't Rocket Science**  
*How Physical Intimacy Fits Into God's Plan*  
**1 Corinthians 6:12-7:5**  
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How, then, do we use the gift of physical intimacy to glorify God?

1. By being \_\_\_\_\_ to one spouse.  
† Notice, we did not say by being faithful to one partner.
2. By \_\_\_\_\_ our bodies to our spouse.  
† Even in physical intimacy we are called to serve one another.
3. By avoiding the use of physical intimacy to gain \_\_\_\_\_ in the marriage relationship.  
† We glorify God most when we serve others.

One of the ultimate questions in life is that of who has \_\_\_\_\_ over our lives (and, even our bodies).

Scripture tells us our bodies belong to \_\_\_\_\_.

Why is God concerned with our bodies?

† We are not to be careless with our bodies because through them we bear witness to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

† Scripture tells us that our bodies are to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

† The \_\_\_\_\_ is alive within us...moving us toward loving God, loving others and making us more like Christ.

Since this is the case, there are some important questions we need to be asking about the way we live and what we do with our bodies.

† This includes the role of physical intimacy in our personal lives.

The Apostle Paul tells us to use our bodies to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:16 FROM THE MESSAGE ...**

- 1 Now, getting down to the questions you asked in your letter to me. First, Is it a good thing to have sexual relations?
- 2-6 Certainly—but only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to “stand up for your rights.” Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it.