

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

Part 2:
And You Give Yourself Away
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Who or what gets the best of you?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

King James Version: What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

New International Version: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

The Question: Do you know who you belong to?

The Answer: You are not your own - you belong to God

The Truth: You were bought with a price

The Cost: The life of Jesus Christ

The Command: Honor God with your body

What Satan Wants You to Believe if You've Messed Up

You are an unsalvageable failure

God's answer: "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." – *Isaiah 44:22*

You are dirty

God's answer: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." – *Isaiah 1:18*

You are disqualified

God's answer: "How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! – *Hebrews 9:14*

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Prayer

Father, I confess that I have not honored You with my body.

I have regarded it as my own, but it belongs to you.

I have sinned, I was wrong, and I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

I want to give myself away to You and You alone.

I ask that You would gather up the broken and scattered pieces of my life.

I ask that You would restore my purity.

I ask that You would cleanse my conscience and allow me to serve the Living God.

I receive the cleansing that You promised.

I am clean before You. I have been forgiven. I have been restored.

Thank you, Jesus.

Amen.

Next Steps *(Details in today's program and What's Happening)*

- **Men and Women:** Before you go home today, sign up at the Connection Point for *12 Steps: A Spiritual Journey*. You'll find hope and healing as you allow God to gather back the scattered pieces of your life. Details are in today's program.
- **Men:** If you're giving yourself away to any kind of addiction – sexual or otherwise – you can find knowledge and practical steps to break free through *Stand Firm* which meets on Thursday nights. Enrollment closes soon, so read the details in today's program and respond this week.
- **Women:** Sign up today for either session of *Beth Moore's Breaking Free* to identify and overcome spiritual strongholds in your life. Details in today's program; register at the Connection Point.

On Your Way Home

Try being silent all the way home. Were there any painful moments that you tried to avoid during the message this weekend? How about having an honest moment with God right now? Don't be afraid. He already knows.

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) What one person has made the biggest spiritual impact on your life? What did they do to impact you so deeply?
- 2) Do you have a particular scripture (like Ephesians 6:19-20) that has followed you throughout your life? Where did you learn it?
- 3) What are some practical ways in which we can honor God with our bodies?
- 4) What was your reaction when you heard the statement, "Jesus wants the rose?"
- 5) Read Ephesians 9:14 again. How is God redeeming your past mistakes? How are you serving out of your past in order to contribute to someone else's future?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?