

Living at God's Address

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

1 Corinthians 1:10–17; 3:5-9

THREE WAYS TO BE A FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBER...

Know where God dwells—the church (v. 16).

Exodus 25:8; 29:45

Leviticus 26:11–12

Ezekiel 11:16; 37:26–28

Psalms 114:2

Gordon Fee, one of the most trusted commentators of our day writes: “The passage has endured a long history of unfortunate interpretation in the church. Because the imagery of the temple is reapplied in 6:19-29 to the individual Christian who was going to prostitutes, many have read that usage back into this passage as though it were a warning to individual Christians as to how they are to treat their bodies or live out individual Christian lives. Both the context and the grammar disallow such interpretations, even by “extended application.” This is all the more unfortunate because this is one of the few texts in the NT where we are exposed both to an understanding of the nature of the local church (God’s temple indwelt by his Spirit) and where the warning of v. 17 makes it clear how important the local church is to God himself.”

1 Kings 8:10-11

2. Beware who God destroys—unfaithful leaders (v. 17a).

3. Recognize what God demands—corresponding holiness (v. 17b).

Leviticus 10:1–3

1 Corinthians 6:12–20