

LETTER #2: Your Body as God's Temple

Focus Scripture: *"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself."*
(I Corinthians 6:19)

Dear Graham,

Now that you have discovered what sex is and God's design for sex, we are going to talk today about your body. The Bible says, *"For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* (Ps. 139:14) When God put you together in your mother's womb he created you to be exactly how you are today. How awesome is that?! Everything from the color of your hair, eyes and skin, to what sex you would be, even your personality he created and called you His masterpiece. His mighty hands touched every cell of your body and slowly, carefully over nine month's period of time he created you. This truth is almost too wonderful to fully comprehend.

How does that make you feel knowing that God was with you from the very moment you were conceived until now? What does that tell you about Him and His love for you? I hope you get a real sense of awe and wonder about who you are and how God created you. I also hope you begin to have a new sense of respect for how God created you as His temple and that you have a sense of duty for caring for it properly.

I look forward to our conversation tonight Graham!

Dad

Questions for a Campfire:

- What do you think it means when the Bible says, "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?"
- How is it possible that you don't, "Belong to yourself?" How does that make you feel?
- What does it mean to be "fearfully" made?
- What do you think God expects of you in how you use your body and how you take care of it?

Tonight at our campfire we will...

- Discuss the significance and responsibilities of how the original temple was kept up, and how it connects to your temple and what God would have you do to maintain your temple. Exodus 25-27
- Discuss how your temple is holy and needs to be respected.
- How maintaining the holiness of your temple connects to your relationships with the opposite sex.