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## ***“Passionately Pursuing our God in Worship and Music”***

1. True/False –The human body is intrinsically evil.
2. True/False -- When the Bible uses the word “flesh,” as in *Romans 7:18* – “*For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh....*,” it is speaking of the physical body.

Psalm 119:105 – *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

### ***The Body of Music***

*Music in the church should reflect a biblical understanding of the body.*

#### **I. The Human Body is Part of God’s Perfect Creation.**

A. God created the male body – Genesis 2:7

Psalm 139:13-14 – *For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.*

B. God created the female body – Genesis 2:22-23

C. Humans were given purposes that could only be fulfilled with their bodies – Genesis 1:28-30

D. God declared that every aspect of His creation, including the human body, was very good – Genesis 1:31.

E. This doctrine of the human body impacts marriage and human sexuality – Genesis 2:24-25.

Hebrews 13:4 – *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

## II. The Human Body is Controlled by the Human Heart.

A. God gave people commands for their heart to impact choices for their bodies.

B. God instructs us to guard our hearts so we will use our bodies correctly.

*Proverbs 4:23 – Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*

C. Jesus wants His followers to pay careful attention to their hearts.

## III. After the Fall, Humans Apart from God Use their Bodies in Sinful Ways.

*Romans 5:12 – Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

A. The totality of the fall

*Genesis 6:5 – Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

*Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?*

*Philippians 3:19 – Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.*

*Romans 16:18 – For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

B. Without God, the body becomes an object of worship.

C. Without God, humans sin in many ways with their bodies.

*1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.*

D. Without God, our bodies become habituated to sin.

Romans 7:15 – *For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.*

Romans 7:18-19 – *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.*

*“sinful propensities that are intertwined with physical propensities and desires”*

E. Without God, people often choose music that involves the body in inappropriate ways.

#### **IV. God Stands Ready to Help Us Use Our Bodies in Ways that Honor Him.**

A. Illustrated in other areas of life.

B. The Bible contains many examples of appropriate physical involvement and expression in worship.

##### 1. Clapping

Psalm 47:1 – *O clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with the voice of joy.*

##### 2. Raising hands

Psalm 28:2 – *Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.*

1 Timothy 2:8 – *Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.*

##### 3. Shouting

Psalm 33:3 – *Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.*