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NEW TESTAMENT "TEMPLE OF GOD"

INTRODUCTION - these verses identify the "temple of God"

- (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) "you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you ... the temple of God is holy, which temple you are."
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20) "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God ... "
(2 Corinthians 6:16-18) "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God ... "

There are no more earthly stone buildings to be God's temple:

- (Acts 7:47-49) "the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands"
(Acts 17:24) "God ... does not dwell in temples made with hands."
(1 Peter 2:5) "as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house ... "

Now, Christians are "the temple of God, and God has given precise instructions on how this temple is to be used."

1. (1 Corinthians 3:17) "If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him"

"Defile" - to render unholy or unclean; to besmear or blemish; to desecrate.
Don't bring into your life the things forbidden by God.

2. (1 Corinthians 3:17) "... for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are"

"Holy" - sanctified; set apart; designated for service designed by God.
Don't take your body and use it in service to disobedience: (Romans 6:16)

3. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) "and you are not your own ... bought at a price"

"Not your own" - the creation adheres to the Creator's purpose.
Hymn #552 Have Thy Own Way, Lord
"Bought" - (1 Peter 1:18) "redeemed ... precious blood"

4. (v20) "... therefore glorify God in your body"

"Glorify God" - to magnify; extol; praise; ascribe honor; (Matthew 6:16).

5. (2 Corinthians 6:16-17) "For you are the temple of the living God ... therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord" note: (1 Peter 4:4)

CLOSE: (Romans 12:1-2)