

Getting Your Temple In Order

How many of you have seen the movie “A Few Good Men”? There is one scene in that movie that I remember really well. It is when one of the sergeants is screaming at his young privates, “GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER! *GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER!!!!*” He was referring to the boys’ lack of discipline with regard to their barracks.

Sometimes I feel like the Lord feels like screaming that at His children. But for different reasons. God loves us so much. He created us lovingly. We are His most prized possessions. There is so much scripture that backs this up. Here is just one...

Psalm 139:13-16 *“For you created my inmost being; you knit 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. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”*

Each one of us are a divine creation of the Most High. Before we were ever even in the womb, God not only knew us, but has set each of us apart for a special purpose...The prophet Jeremiah records these words from the Lord:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” Jeremiah knew from the earliest age that God had a plan for his life.

And He has a plan for yours. God is no respecter of persons. God does not make mistakes. He created you in His image, and He created you for a specific purpose!

That said, you must know that the Word tells us that God is jealous of His creation. He desires that we be wholly devoted to Him, body, soul and spirit.

One of the verses that the Lord had me memorize early in my journey was 1Corinthians 6:19-20. *“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.”*

There are many aspects of that verse, and we will talk about those in depth later. But for now, suffice it to say that God is serious about our “temple”. We are only given one, and we are expected to be responsible with it.