

Those Who Destroy the Temple

Rom 12:1-2 — What if our bodies were the temple of the Holy Spirit? What if they were the Temple, and our hearts the Holy of Holies? (1 Cor 6:19-20; Eph 2:21-22)

1 Cor 3:16-17 — Where He is in His Body, the Body of Messiah (1 Cor 6:17).

2 Cor 6:16 was addressed to the corporate Body in Corinth, for *we* are the corporate Body or Temple of the living God — “I will dwell in them; I will walk in them.”

1 Cor 3:16-17 — So what does *defile* mean? And what does *destroy* mean?

The Spirit dwells in *each* member of the Body in every location, and all are taught by the same Spirit (1 Jn 2:27). 1 Cor 6:19 is speaking of each member of the corporate Body, and 1 Cor 3:16 is the corporate Body in each location.

Eph 2:21-22 is the whole Twelve Tribes, as in Rev 21:3,9-12. But each place is as Mal 1:11 and 1 Tim 2:8 and 1 Cor 1:2,10, and Jn 13:35 is the corporate witness, as also Jn 17:23.

Rom 16:17-18 — So anyone who is an individual temple of the living God who disrupts, divides, causes malice, etc., invites God’s wrath or discipline (1 Cor 11:30-32; 16:22).

Isa 49:17 — Destroying could be spending money uselessly on personal items, having one’s own agenda, independent action, becoming involved in things not ordered by the Holy Spirit, going overboard on a particular persuasion (such as the medical realm), misrepresenting our Master, etc.

Heb 6:4-6 is a possibility if 1 Cor 3:16-17 has happened.

Some go to the limit, but God will allow you to go beyond and over the waterfall if you are not watchful and praying as Mt 6:9-15, especially verse 13. You will be led into temptation by your own desire (Jms 1:13-15; 5:19-20).

1 Cor 5:6 — *Do you not know?*

1 Cor 3:16 — *Do you not know?*

1 Cor 6:2,3,9,15,16 — *Do you not know?*

1 Cor 9:24-26 — *Do you not know?*

So such a one is disqualified to be a leader of God's holy people due to his lawlessness in filling himself with useless knowledge — esoteric¹ learning instead of exoteric.² No one exceeds another by his own egotistical desire (Jms 1:14-15; 5:19-20).

So how else can we hurt the Body? We hurt by not helping. We tear down by not building up (1 Cor 3:13). We hate by not loving (1 Jn 4:20). We hurt by not doing our part (Eph 4:16).

Mt 12:30 — If we are with Him, He is with us, but if not, we are against Him, as anyone who leaves and returns to his vomit in the world (2 Pet 2:22; Pr 26:11), holding our Master up to public shame (Heb 6:4-6; Eze 36:21). Can you imagine the temple of the living God going out into the world for a while without being sent?

Jn 9:41 — This is why Christians are cursed, or Jews who keep their own identity as God's holy people but act as if they are Satan's holy people (Rev 2:9; 3:9).

A leader is judged more severely; the greater the responsibility, the greater the severity of the judgment (Heb 13:17; Lk 12:48; Jms 3:1).

¹ Esoteric — confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle.

² Exoteric — intended for or likely to be understood by all.