**“What’s the Big Deal About the Body?”**

**Five Biblical Pictures of the Body:**

1. Tool

*“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” (Rom. 6:13)*

1. Temple

“*What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost; which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”* (1 Cor. 6:19)

1. Treasure-House

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”* (2 Cor. 4:7)

1. Tent

*“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building if God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”* (2 Cor. 5:1)

1. Testimony

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service….”* (Rom. 12:1)

**Four General Observations:**

1. Disposable – (temporarily used)
2. Decency – (meticulous care)
3. Dignity – (reflected excellence)
4. Distinctive – (unique influence)

**Bottom Line:**

If God owns it and lives there, then take excellent care of your body – it is distinctly one of a kind!