"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)

2. 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)

3. 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)

4. 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)

5. 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!