

- 👉 1st Corinthians 3:16, Paul introduces new terminology here, but not new teaching. His terminology follows a line of logic, since God dwells in us, we are the temple of God.
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1. We are God's dwelling place, His temple, and His temple comes with rules.

- ✓ First of all, keep it clean 1st Corinthians 3:16-17; "destroy"= corrupts, dirties, defiles. There are several things within this context that Paul is pointing to specifically.
 - 1) Divisions introduce the notion that there are several heads (i.e., leaders) when, in fact, there is only one Head of the Body = Jesus.
 - ✓ We are ruled by the Head Himself. Just in the same way that our physical bodies are ruled by our heads, it is our heads that tell our hands and feet and other parts of our bodies what to do. The parts of our bodies do not do what they want, they follow the head. If parts of our bodies are doing their own thing, we are sick, something is very wrong and needs to be fixed. Similarly, there is only One Head of the Body of Christ and we, as parts of His Body, do not do our own thing, and if we do, the Body is sick and in need of being fixed.
 - 2) Doctrine, bad doctrine that is, Paul will get to that corruption of the "Body" later in this letter.
 - 3) Sin: Sin from any part of the Body can and will affect the entire Body.
 - ✓ Our own bodies work in a similar fashion; any infection introduced into any part of the body will make the entire body sick. So, we may sin alone, but we share the consequence with the entire Body of Christ. The pleasures of sin are personal, but the consequences of sin are always universal. God is not above performing radical surgery to rid His Body of infections!

2. The Second Temple Rule is to keep God on the throne.

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Pride is dishonesty. It is dishonest for us to pretend that we are anything other than human, small, weak, and limited. Pride is delusion, self-delusion, we are lying to ourselves about who we are, we are pretending to be God. "Pride is the national religion of Hell."
