

Should Christians Get Tattoos & Piercings?

Biblical References	Biblical Principles	Question of Influence
<p>Lev 19:28 - not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo marks on yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - these laws were for the Jews to set them apart from the other nations - Careful about using OT passages to regulate NT church life - He 10:19-20 - Jesus died to put an end to the Laws and inaugurated a new and living <p>I Kings 18:28 - Elijah contending with prophets of Baal - cutting themselves to get their gods' attention</p> <p>Archeological evidence - Canaanites tattooed themselves with the names and symbols of their favorite gods</p> <p>God's warning to not be part of their pagan lifestyles - they were to be different</p> <p>THEY WERE THE CALLED OUT ONES!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What will this do to my influence on other people? - Would this be a stumbling block to other people? - Is this good stewardship? - Will it have a negative effect on my ministry as a servant of God? <p>I Cor 6:12-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - things may be permitted but aren't beneficial - Our bodies are parts of Christ - We are the temple of the Holy Spirit - You are not your own - You were bought with a price - Glorify God in your body <p>I Cor 10:31-33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whatever you do - do to the glory of God - Don't offend man or the church of God - Not seeking your own benefit - Our view should be to other's salvation <p>Col 3:17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whatever we say or do we do it unto the Lord 	<p>I Cor 11:16 - there is no room in the church for contentiousness</p> <p>Many places that don't allow for tattoos to be seen</p> <p>2011 - parents boycotted Mattel for their tattooed Barbie - giving negative connotations to our children</p> <p>Places you go for a tattoo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seedy reputations - Names of the tattoo parlors - Darkness of the images <p>Tattoos on the lower back of women - tramp stamps</p> <p>People that are tattooed are view differently by society</p> <p>I Thes 5:22 - abstain from all appearance of evil</p> <p>Mt 17:24-27 - don't offend those around us</p> <p>I Cor 8:9, 13 - not causing anyone to stumble</p> <p>Ro 12:17; II Cor 8:20-22 - live honorably in the sight of men</p> <p>I Cor 10:31 - will this bring glory to God</p>

Question of Modesty	Question of Stewardship	Conclusion
<p>I Tim 2:9-10 - adorn ourselves from the inside - godliness</p> <p>Modesty - #G2887 = orderly, well arranged, decent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not drawing undue attention <p>Shamefacedness - #G127 = a sense of shame; modest; discrete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concern when we may be an embarrassment - Consciousness of wrong or foolishness - Painful feeling of humiliation <p>Sobriety - #G4997 = having soundness of mind and exercising good judgment, self-control</p> <p>Which becometh women professing godliness -G#4241, 1861 = manner that says I am a servant of God</p> <p>Vanity - drawing attention</p> <p>Dissatisfaction of how God made me</p> <p>A need to shock and horrify people</p>	<p>Supervising or caring for something on someone else's behalf</p> <p>Of our bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayo Clinic - potential harm of tattoos - Inks - cosmetics - not regulated by the FDA - Industrial inks (petroleum based) - car paints - Blood borne diseases (Hep B, C, Tetanus, TB, HIV) - Skin disorders - Toxic shock - Disfigurement - Regret factors <p>Of our monies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is this a wise use of God's money or would it be better used to spread the gospel - Those who spend money on these things and not caring for their families needs - Christian tattoos as a witness - we have been called out of the world so why do we go to the world to get something so we can be godly witness 	<p>If you have them - now what</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nothing we do can keep us from being a child of God - We need to see people's hearts <p>Can it be used as a testimony to encourage others not to follow the same path</p> <p>We need to be willing to speak to people and encourage them in the right choice</p> <p>I Tim 5:14 - don't give the enemy occasion for reproach</p> <p>Let Christ shine in us - deny ourselves - take up our cross - follow Him</p> <p>We are to be the SET APART ONES</p>