

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>will</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 	