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SERMON TEXT- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Review the 10 Commandments & Table of Duties in the [Small Catechism](#). How do they illustrate St. Paul's point in *v19*? Bonus: What is the price (*v20*)? See [SC](#): Creed II [SC available <bookofconcord.org>](#)
4. What might the image of our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit suggest about diet, exercise, & other health programs? (Thanks, [LotL!](#))

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. What makes walking the walk such an important part of talking the talk? See *Luke 6:27-38, 10:25-43, 11:42, 13:10-17, 20:45--21:4*
6. St. Paul rejects any kind of legalism or moralizing of the Gospel (*cf. Acts 15:19-20*), yet he is willing to do, or not do, most anything (not forbidden by the 10 Commandments) for the sake of sharing the Gospel with his neighbors. How does this courageous freedom to act holy, lovingly, & wholesomely always make new inroads with people? See *1 Corinthians 2:15-16, 9:19-23, 10:29-33; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Peter 2:12-15, 3:8-17*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

01.17.21

Series: Everyday Holiness

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

From Where?

Our entire lives are called & claimed by Jesus.

How we address our own callings shows & tells others about theirs.

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? (v19)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

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