

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

When we see another Christian, say at church or at the store or anywhere else, do we ever think that he or she is actually our brother or sister in Christ? Maybe we do. But do we ever think of him or her as being ***“the temple of God”*** as well?

“*What are you talking about?*” you may be thinking. Well, read today’s verse again.

† ***Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?***

We read that and only think of it for ourselves. But it’s not just for us, but for all believers.

Yet some single men and women treat church more like a meat market, rather than church. They go with the mindset of, *“I need to find me a woman”* or *“I need to find me a man”*.

Or there are those in church who spend time gossiping or saying bad things about other Christian brothers or sisters?

Some judge another Christian brothers or sisters based upon what they see, or even worse, what they have heard others say about him or her?

How many will not help a Christian brother or sister because they don’t like or even care about them at all?

With these things in mind, when we look at our brother or sister in Christ, which is ***“the temple of God”***, What are we thinking about them? What are we saying about them? How are we treating them?

Or let’s put it into perspective according to today’s verse, with ***“the temple of God”*** being other Christians.

- What are we thinking about ***the temple of God?***
- What are we saying about ***the temple of God?***
- How are we treating ***the temple of God?***
- How are we praying for ***the temple of God?***
- How are we judging ***the temple of God?***
- How are we encouraging ***the temple of God?***
- How are we tearing down and discouraging ***the temple of God?***
- How are we loving ***the temple of God?***
- How are we hating ***the temple of God?***

Sine we also are “*the temple of God*”, how do we want to be treated and talked about? Now, let’s go and do the same for others.

† **Philippians 2:1-4** *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

† **James 3:13-16 (MSG)** *Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.*