



MORALITY



***“Living sensibly,
righteously, and godly”
Titus 2:12***

Tattoos and Body Piercings

How Should a Christian respond?





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Becoming increasingly popular!



- ***24% aged 10-50***
- ***40% of millennials***



Making weak or bad arguments!

PITFALLS TO AVOID



Be careful about “proof texting.”

Lev 19: 28

“You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print (tattoo) any marks upon you, for I am the Lord.”

***“A
TEXT
without a
CONTEXT
is a
PRETEXT
for a
PROOF
TEXT.”***
Don Carson

What's the concern?

2 Tim 2:15 "Handling correctly the Word"

- ***Not under the old law – Col 2:14.***
- ***What is the context? Separateness.***
 - ***Sowing – vs 19a – mixed seeds***
 - ***Clothing – vs 19b – mixing fabrics***
 - ***Haircuts – vs 27 – no mohawks!***
 - ***Why pick out tattoo's/piercing & ignore the others?***

What's the context?

- ***“It was a practice to carry marks on the body in honor of their gods.”
Barnes notes.***
- ***Similar to the “mark of the beast.”***
- ***Cutting ones flesh/bleeding was a part of Baal worship – 1 Kings 18:28.***

What's the principle?

- ***Be decent and orderly.***
- ***Separate from the world.***
- ***Do not associate one's self with ungodly thingsl idolatry.***
- ***Lev 19:28 little bearing on modern day tattoos.***





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INFLUENCE

Are these things a sign of rebellion, or simply a fashion statement?

- ***Police departments***
- ***Courts***
- ***Employers***
- ***Hospitals***



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MODESTY

1 Tim 2: 9-10

- ***Modest – “orderly, well arranged.”***
“Not drawing undue attention.”





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“professing godliness.”



“Tramp Stamp”



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STEWARDSHIP

I Cor 4:12

“As good stewards we are to be found trustworthy.”



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BODIES



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- ***Tattoo risks:***
 - ***Blood born diseases***
 - ***Hepatitis B & C***
 - ***Tetanus***
 - ***HIV***
 - ***Skin disorders, infections.***
 - ***Can cause MRI issues.***





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- ***The Regret Factor:***
 - ***“Wisdom is making choices now that you will be happy about in the future.”***
 - ***WATCH OUT: “Bellbottom permanent!”***
 - ***Removal is painful and very expensive.***



Miscellaneous

What about a religious symbol?

What if I already have them?