

## You Are Not Your Own!

Tucked away in a corner of the Apostle Paul's dissertation on the body being a member of Christ are these five words, "you are not your own." (1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV). These five words are God's grace toward us because he sees us as a precious gem in the crown jewel of his son, Jesus. Someone may say, "I am my own man!" or "I am my own woman!" No one lives for themselves or dies for themselves (Romans 14:7). How we live our lives influences many people and others see it at the time of our death. Beloved friends, we did not make the body in which we live, or the mind by which we think. Therefore, neither our body nor our mind belong to us. The only right we have is our free will (Deuteronomy 30:19-20). When we give up our free will to accept and live by God's will, our life becomes alive with his purpose (Luke 22:42). Living according to God's purpose for us, we have his favor and protection as we walk through the trials of life (Psalm 91). Those trials from the world are financial uncertainties, relational stresses. poor health, and daily struggles that weary us until we feel hopeless. They are not from God (John 16:33). We are such a precious gem to God that he came in the body of Jesus to redeem us from our inherited sin (Galatians 3:13). Return his love by accepting Jesus and living God's purpose for you.

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