

Tattoos and Body Piercing

*Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.
Leviticus 19:28*

They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. Leviticus 21:5

-Here in the Old Testament, God commands His people to be different from the world around them and glorify Him in their bodies.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thessalonians 5:22

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Ephesians 5:11

-Markings on the flesh are very worldly in their form and meaning. Nothing spiritual or profitable can be found in tattoos and piercing.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1-2

-The ties of markings are very worldly. The Christian should not have this bad testimony.

Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: I Corinthians 10:32

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: I Corinthians 6:3

-Markings have a great potential of causing serious offense both to the saved and the unsaved. This inhibits ministry.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? I Corinthians 6:19

-Markings do not in any way glorify God. They associate the body with wickedness.