

What About Body Art?

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Let's avoid anecdotal comments

- Like what you personally would not do-or why
- Or an opinion about the subject in general
- Or some health consideration
- We could spend all day having these comments and be no closer to being able to think about the issue Biblically
- We want to know what God thinks

There are things that are intrinsically wrong

1. By this I mean wrong

- A. For any person
- B. At any time
- C. Under any circumstance

2. Think “10 commandments”

3. Stealing is wrong

- A. No matter who steals
- B. Or when they steal
- C. Or why they steal.

- i. So if a husband commands his wife to steal from her employer—it would be wrong for her to do so

Other things are wrong, situationally

1. Let's turn to the one passage that always comes up in a discussion of tattoo's, etc.
2. Leviticus 19.28
 - A. The command: no cutting, no marks (see I King 18.28)
 - B. The context:
 - i. Leviticus 18.1-3
 - ii. Leviticus 20.23-26
3. So the issue wasn't the inherent sin of the mark, or the subsequent scar, the issue was the association, or connection with Canaan.

Which is exactly the same issue now

1. Body art may not be intrinsically wrong, but loving the world is.
 - A. I John 2.15-17
2. Motive always matters
 - A. Everything else being equal, getting a tattoo out of rebellion against your parents is not the same as getting one out of submission to your husband
3. Modesty matters
 - A. I Timothy 2.9-10
 - B. Paul's concern—and his condemnation—was over putting one's self on display—to be seen. His specific concern was dress