

A Relational God pt.7

The Gift of Singleness and Marriage

1 Cor 7:1-9

Review: Genesis

1. Our God is a Relational God.
2. He made us in His image.
3. God made us different and relational to display the Gospel.

Review: Ephesians

1. Know your identity and purpose in Christ
2. Thankful & worshipful in communication
3. Be Spirit filled and Word washed
4. Oneness in everything because of Jesus
5. Love and Respect each other

Review: 1st Peter 3

P.I.E.S.

- Dwell - *Physical*
- Understand - *Intellectual*
- Giving honor - *Emotional*
- Heirs together - *Spiritual*

Inventory Questions:

1. Are we partners, competitors, or roommates?
2. Do you feel loved/respected?
3. How can we understand each other better?
4. How can we help each grow in our roles and closer to Jesus?

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 NKJV –

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2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 NKJV –

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 NKJV –

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1 Corinthians 7:1-9 NKJV –

8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;

9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 7

The Enemy's Plan:

Question, Twist, Deny God's Word...

To encourage sex outside of marriage and discourage sex within marriage.

1 Corinthians 7 Question

- Principles of Singleness and Marriage
(**1 Cor. 7:1–9**)
- Christians Marriages
(**1 Cor. 7:10–24**)
- Unmarried Christians
(**1 Cor. 7:25–40**)

1 Corinthians 7:1-2

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1. Replying to definite questions.
2. Not a complete theology of marriage in one chapter
3. Understand culture and context
4. Celibacy for Singles is good,
5. Sex for marriage is good.

see (**Matt. 19:10–12, Ephesians 5:21-33, Colossians 3:18-19, 1st Peter 3**)

1 Corinthians 7:3-4

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1 Corinthians 7:3-4

To the married...

1. It's wrong withhold affection or sex from each other.
2. Each has an obligations of affection
3. Does not justify abuse, manipulation or coercing, or sin.
4. One Flesh - you belong to each other.
5. I owe you.. not you owe me...

1 Corinthians 7:5-6

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1 Corinthians 7:5-6

1. The word for deprive is the same as defraud in [1 Corinthians 6:8](#).
2. Affection.. deprive ... romance as well as sexual frequency.
3. Lack of affection and sex in marriage leads to temptation.
4. Error on grace be filled with Gods love.

1 Corinthians 7:7-9

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1 Corinthians 7:7-9

1. Both marriage and singleness are gifts from God.
2. Avoid the grass is greener trap....
3. “Wherever you are be all there”
- Jim Elliot
4. Obedience is success

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)