

1 Corinthians Chapter 7

1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman.

Paul is continuing from the previous chapters. Paul is issuing another warning concerning fornication.

2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Paul has come up with a plan, to save a man from falling into fornication. And that plan is marriage.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

Due benevolence. Likewise

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

In the marriage contract

5 Defraud ye not one the other, *except it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

That Satan tempt you not.

6 But I speak this by permission, *and* not of commandment.

This is not a commandment. For we are not under the law.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

Celibacy.

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

It is a good thing.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

Detailed instructions on marriage, divorce, and remarriage

10 And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:

Divorce, abandonment

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.

Reconciliation, is preferable, to divorce.

Remarriage is allowed in the case of the permanent desertion of the spouse. V:15

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

Division in the marriage. If you marry a wife who is unsaved, and she happy with this relationship. You need to keep her and win her over to Jesus Christ.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

The same rules apply to the husband, if choses to stay. He needs to stay.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Carnal acts, in an unregenerate person are unclean, but sanctified and made clean by the conversion of the man or woman involved. (Hebrews 13:4)

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called us to peace.

If your spouse chooses to leave the marriage, because the other excepts Jesus Christ. They are aloud to leave the marriage under the these circumstances.

The marriage bond is dissolved completely

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| 1. Desertion | Hos. 2:2 | The spiritual adultery of Israel. |
| 2. Fornication | Mark 10:8 | The application that Paul is making in this text is of a Harlot "fornication" |
| 3. Death | Romans 7:2 | She is free |

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

You can be a living testimony, in your marriage.

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

Social status is unimportant to God. He is interested in faithfulness.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

Once a man is saved, we don't want him to backslide back into the world's ways.

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

Galatians 5:6

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use *it* rather.

Slave

22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant.

Being made free, by Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

This verse is most likely, referring to couples that are betrothed to each other, but not married.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

1. Trouble in the flesh.

2. Remarriage should only be to another Christain.

3. It would be better to stay single.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

A post rapture verse. Once the Church is caught up into the third heaven and have received our new bodies. We will no longer have wives.

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

Concern

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.

34 There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

Luke 10:40

35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of *her* age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

The father does not let his daughter marry

37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So then he that giveth *her* in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not in marriage doeth better.

39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

If in the case of death

40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit enabled Paul to speak with apostolic authority and also with spiritual wisdom.