

A close-up photograph of two vibrant green leaves. The leaf in the foreground is in sharp focus, showing its veins and a small, clear water droplet on its surface. The background leaf is slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the leaves.

First
Corinthians

growing pains

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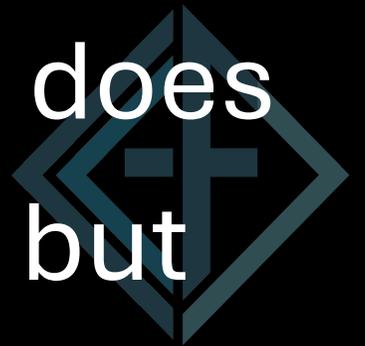
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.



1 Corinthians 7:1-9

husband. ³The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but



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the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.



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⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I



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am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.



Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be to
God!

“Marriage Matters: Intimacy”

1. Sexual intimacy is a safeguard against the temptations of the world and the schemes of the Enemy.



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2. Sexual intimacy is a reminder that our bodies belong to the Lord.



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3. Sexual intimacy is a gift from God.



Application

How does the intimacy in your marriage proclaim the Kingdom? Are you giving and sacrificial? Are you loving and sensitive? Do you demand to be served, or do you seek to serve?

