

"Celibacy or Sexual Union in Marriage" (1 Corinthians 7:1-7)

- I. THE CALLING AND BENEFITS OF BEING A SAINT" (1:1-9)
- II. A CALL FOR UNITY (1:10-31)
- III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WISDOM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:1-16)
- IV. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WISDOM (2:14 – 4:21)
- V. ADDRESSING ISSUES (5:1-6:20)
- VI. ANSWERING QUESTIONS (7:1-16)

A. Marriage (7:1-40)

1. Preliminary Information:

- * Big Idea in vv 1-7: APART FROM THE GIFT OF CELIBACY, THE CONSISTENT PATTERN OF SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE MARRIAGE UNION PROTECTS FROM TEMPTATION TO IMMORALITY
- * "Now concerning" are the Greek words "_____ " which are used to show a shift in _____
- * Paul is responding to _____ that the Corinthians brought to his attention
- * What is written here pertains to the _____, not the unsaved

2. Paul's opening statement:

- * touch
- * Paul is saying that being celibate is a _____ to be in life – if you are _____ for it
- * Celibacy is the best course only for those who have the gift of celibacy (7:8). It is not for every Christian, but the requirement of sexual purity is.

3. One of the purposes of marriage is to avoid _____

- * What are some of God's purposes for marriage?

4. Marriage is to be the _____ for sexual relations

5. "Have" is another _____ for sexual relations.

6. Sexual relations in marriage are to be considered an _____

* render

7. In the context of sexual relations, your mate has _____ over _____
body

* authority

8. _____ your mate of sexual relations is only _____ in special
circumstances

9. Celibacy remains a _____ for those whom God has so _____

*How does this apply to you?