

1 Corinthians

Corinth: A Church in Conflict #9 HO

What to do about marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Simple outline:

Chapters 1-4 division in the church

Chapters 5-6 discipline in the church

Chapter 7-14: 11 difficulties in the church

1) Should we marry or Not? Verse 1-9

a) First what does the Bible say about Marriage?

- i) First, marriage is for _____ . (Gen. 1:28).
- ii) Marriage is also for _____. Proverbs (5:18–19)
- iii) Marriage is a _____. (Gen. 2:18).
- iv) Marriage is a _____ of the church. (Eph. 5:23–32).
- v) And marriage is for _____. 1 Corinthians 7:2
- vi) What about celibacy? 7/1

(1) Celibacy is a _____

(2) Celibacy should never be _____

(a) 1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

(3) Celibacy is not _____. 7/2 –

(a) Intimacy outside of marriage is _____

(b) Intimacy inside of marriage is _____

(c) Intimacy inside of marriage shows _____

(d) Intimacy inside of marriage is _____-vr 3-5

(i) Notice that affection is ____ verse 3

(ii) Notice that affection is _____ verse 4

(iii) Notice that withholding intimacy from your mate is _____.

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- b) What about Paul's comment? Verse 6-9.
- i) Should widows marry?
 - (1) 1 Timothy 5:14 Therefore I desire that *the* younger *widows* marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
 - ii) Should singles marry?
- 2) Should we stay married? Verse 10-15
- a) Guidelines for Christian marriages – verse 10-11.
 - i) _____ married
 - ii) Don't _____
 - iii) Don't _____
 - iv) Do _____
 - b) Guidelines for mixed marriages verse 12-16
 - i) Stay married if the partner is _____. (verse 12-13)
 - (1) 1 Peter 3:1-4
 - ii) Let the unbeliever depart if they are _____. (Verse 15)
 - iii) Let both pray and think _____ before they do it. (Verse 16).
- 3) Should we seek marriage? (17-40)
- a) First we should be _____ with our state (17-24) Be satisfied:
 - (1) With who we are.
 - (2) With where we are.
 - b) Second we should be _____ in our commitment (verse 25-38)
 - i) Take a look at the times – verse 25-26
 - ii) Take a look at the time. Verse 29-31
 - (a) Time is short – Jesus is coming.
 - c) Third, We should be _____ it is God's will verse 32-40
 - i) The single life is more _____ – can you serve the Lord better as a single or as married?
 - ii) The married life is more _____ – can you serve the Lord better as a couple?