

Marriage - 1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Topics: Body, Freedom, Immorality, Marriage, Ministry, Morality, Prayer, Sex, Sin, Singleness, Slavery, Temptation, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. What couple have you met recently that displays the ingredients of a good marriage?
- 2. What to you is good and bad about remaining single?

Explore It

- 3. What guiding principles about marriage does God want us to know? (7:1-40)
- 4. Why should “each man . . . have his own wife”? (7:2)
- 5. What obligations does a Christian wife have toward her husband? (7:3)
- 6. To whom does a Christian’s body belong if he or she is married? (7:4)
- 7. Under what circumstances may married partners deprive each other’s sexual needs? (7:5)
- 8. Why is it important for husbands and wives not to deprive each other’s sexual needs? (7:5)
- 9. What instruction did Paul give to the unmarried and widowed? (7:8-9)
- * 10. To what has God called us? (7:15)
- * 11. What is more important than whether a person is married or single? (7:17-19)
- 12. What is more important than whether a person is a slave or free? (7:20-24)
- 13. What is one advantage in remaining single? (7:28)
- 14. Why did Paul think it best to remain single? (7:28)
- * 15. What perspective can help us serve God well whether married or single? (7:29-31)
- 16. What advantage do unmarried people have in ministry? (7:32-35)

Get It

- * 17. In what sense is it good not to marry?
- 18. In what ways might singleness keep us free from concern?
- 19. What are the advantages of being married?
- * 20. What opportunities do married people have that single people do not?
- 21. What unique concerns do married people have that single people do not?
- 22. What part of God’s instruction on marriage do you find encouraging?
- 23. What circumstance in your life would benefit from God’s perspective on marriage and singleness?
- 24. How should the fact that the time is short affect our priorities and actions?
- 25. What does it mean to live as if not engrossed in the things of the world?
- 26. What does it look like when a married person is engrossed in the things of the world?
- 27. What does it look like when a single person is engrossed in the things of the world?
- 28. How should our life-style be detached from the concerns of the world?

Apply It

- 29. What is one step you can take this week to free yourself from concern about a mortgage, a job, a project, or some other earthly matter?
- * 30. How can you use your unique experiences as a married or single person in service to God?