



TEXT: 1 Corinthians 7:1 – 7:6

The GIFT of Married Sex:

- 1) **WORLDLY and RELIGIOUS philosophies of SEX:**
 - a) **Sex is a RIGHT:** 1 Corinthians 6:12a
 - b) **Sex is an APPETITE:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c
 - c) **Sex is a FRIGHT, BLIGHT, or TOO MUCH of a DELIGHT:** 1 Cor. 7:1
- 2) **A GOSPEL philosophy of sexual IMMORALITY:** 1 Cor. 6:13b, 18a
 - a) **NOT every sexual behavior or desire IS LAWFUL:** 1 Cor. 6:9bcef, 10f. See also: Ex. 20:1, 17; Lev. 18; Matt. 5:27-30; Rom. 1:22-27, 13:9; 1 Cor. 5:1, 9-13; Eph. 5:3, 5-6; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Heb. 13:4
 - b) **NOT every sexual behavior or desire is HELPFUL to you or others:** 1 Corinthians 6:12a. See also: 1 Cor. 10:23
 - c) **MANY sexual behaviors and desires ENSLAVE:** 1 Corinthians 6:12b. See also: John 8:34; Romans 6:5-19
 - d) **MANY sexual behaviors and desires will END in DESTRUCTION:** 1 Corinthians 6:13ab
- 3) **A GOSPEL philosophy of MARRIED SEX:** 1 Corinthians 11:12b. See also: 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 2:10
 - a) **We were CREATED for SEXUAL INTIMACY within MARRIAGE:** Genesis 1:27-28a, 31a; 2:25
 - b) **Married sexual intimacy is GOD'S GIFT:** James 1:17
 - c) **God COMMANDS married couples to DELIGHT in His gift of a spouse through SEXUAL INTIMACY:** Proverbs 5:15, 18-19
- 4) **REJECTING married sexual INTIMACY is a SIN because...**
 - a) **It is a REJECTION of GOD'S GOOD GIFT and an opportunity to give THANKS:** 1 Timothy 4:4-5
 - b) **It is a DEPARTURE from the CHRISTIAN FAITH that follows DEMONIC TEACHING:** 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 - c) **It is a FORM OF SELF-SALVATION through LEGALISM:** Colossians 2:20-23

The GOODNESS of Married Sex. God INTENDS married sex for...

- 1) **COVENANT UNION (COMMITMENT & RENEWAL):** Matthew 19:4-6
See also: Malachi 2:14
- 2) **INTIMACY (Truly KNOWING and being KNOWN):** Gen. 4:1a; SS 5:16
- 3) **PROCREATION:** Psalm 127:3. See also: Genesis 4:1; Malachi 2:15
- 4) **Mutual PROTECTION from SIN (through the PRIORITY of REGULAR sexual intimacy):** 1 Corinthians 7:2 See also: Deuteronomy 24:5
 - a) **Abstinence from MARRIED sex requires MUTUAL AGREEMENT and temporary SPIRITUAL PURPOSE:** 1 Corinthians 7:5
 - b) **EVEN this type of abstinence is only PERMITTED but not COMMANDED:** 1 Corinthians 7:6
- 5) **Mutual SERVICE through a PHYSICAL GIFT of love:** 1 Cor. 7:3-4
 - a) **AUTHORITY & BELONGING:** Song 6:3; 7:10. See also: Ex. 21:10
 - b) **COMFORT:** 2 Samuel 12:24a
 - c) **PLEASURE:**
 - i) **HERS:** Song of Solomon 2:3-6
 - ii) **HIS:** Song of Solomon 7:1-3, 7-9
 - iii) **THEIRS:** Song of Solomon 4:16-5:1a See: Genesis 26:8; SS
 - i) **GOD'S:** Song of Solomon 5:1b

The GLORY of Married Sex:

- 1) **Sex is NOT GOD (it cannot ultimately SATISFY you, make you SAFE or declare you SIGNIFICANT):** Romans 1:24-25. See also: Jer. 2:13
- 2) **Sex is SPIRITUAL:** 1 Cor. 6:19a. See: Malachi 2:15b
 - a) **Therefore, Sexual SIN is against GOD –** See 1 Cor. 6:15-17; Psalm 51:1-4
 - b) **ALL sexual SIN is FORGIVABLE for ALL who confess, repent and believe in Jesus:** 1 Corinthians 6:11
- 3) **Married sex is an act of WORSHIP for blood bought SAINTS:** 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20b
 - a) **MARRIED SEX (along with everything else) is RE-ORIENTED for those who KNOW JESUS:** 1 Corinthians 10:31. See also: Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:18, 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11
 - b) **Everything, including MARRIED SEX, is now EMPOWERED by the Holy SPIRIT:** Malachi 2:15b
 - c) **MARRIED SEX not only RENEWS the marriage covenant but also REVEALS its true scope and glory:** Ephesians 5:31-32

Use these “Gospel In Life” questions this week
to help you and your friends REFLECT on and APPLY this message!

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 7