

## 1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up

## Wisdom for Right Relations

1 Corinthians 7:8-16 Pastor Chris Lenhart – August 1, 2021

Introduction	Supporting Scripture 1 Cor. 13
Wisdom for those Single (8-9)	Gen. 1:28 1 Cor. 7:7
Wisdom for those Married (10-11)	Mt. 19:11-12 Mt. 19:9 Mk. 10:11 Lk. 16:18 1 Cor. 7:15 Ex. 21:10-11 Dt. 21:11-14
Wisdom for the Rest (12-16)	Mt. 19:8 Mt. 10:34 Mt. 8:1-3 1 Pt. 3:1
How might our lives look in light of these realities?	
The 1st Corinthians Question: How do we live as disciples of Jesus and function together as his Church in an overwhelmingly unbelieving world?	
Special Time of Prayer  1) Prayer for those who are single or widowed.  a. For those who desire to be married.  b. For those experiencing loneliness & heartache.  c. For those who have the gift of singleness.  2) Prayer for believers who are married.  a. For the Lord to strengthen and protect marriages.  b. For the Lord to grow love within our marriages.	
<ul> <li>c. For marriages that are disrupted and struggling.</li> <li>3) Prayer for those who are married to someone who has not yet believed.</li> <li>a. For the conduct of the believing spouse to have a significant spiritual influence on the spouse without Christ.</li> <li>b. For peace, patience, endurance, and love within the marriage relationship.</li> </ul>	
c. For the Lord to draw the unbelieving spouse unto himself for salvation.  Next Week: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24	

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	Wisdom for Right Relations Growing together in a Greater Love – Discipleship Guide	1 Cor. 7:8-16
Ge	t together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!	Supporting
Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide your time together. Go over prayer requests together.		<u>Scripture</u> 1 Cor. 13 Gen. 1:28
Read the Text -read the text together. (1 Cor. 7:8-16)		1 Cor. 7:7 Mt. 19:11-12
Discus	sion Guiding Questions:	Mt. 19:9 Mk. 10:11
1.	How can passages of scripture like this, be beneficial, helpful, and edifying to the entire congregation, regardless of one's current life circumstance?	Lk. 16:18 1 Cor. 7:15 Ex. 21:10-11 Dt. 21:11-14 Mt. 19:8
2.	What are Paul's instructions for those who are single or widowed?	Mt. 10:34 Mt. 8:1-3 1 Pt. 3:1
3.	What are Paul's instructions for believers who are married?	
4.	What was God's original intention and design for marriage? What realities exist in our world today that threaten God's intended design for marriage?	<u>Prayer</u> <u>Requests</u>
5.	What are Paul's instructions for those who are believers but are in a marriage relationship with one who has not yet believed?	Family
		Church
Questi	ons towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:	
1.	How does this text challenge you to grow in a greater love for God?	Community
2.	How are you motivated to grow in a greater love for others?	
3.	How might Jesus be motivating you apply some of the principles from this passage to your family, career, community, or church?	Career/Friends
4.	How might Jesus be using you to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?	
5.	How will you pray for each other between now and next time you meet?	Other