



1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up Honor & Cherish Your Gift

1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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Introduction

3 Considerations...

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To each their own (1-2)

Our bodies, a living sacrifice (3-4)

One Concession (5-6)

To each their own (7)

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?

Affirming and valuing one another's gifts and calling, we practice humility, sacrifice and laying down our lives for one another. Those who are single, exercising the gift and pursuing the calling God has placed on their life, and those who are married, taking care in their physical intimacy to not diminish, disrupt, or dishonor the gift and call God has given to them.

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 7:8-16

Supporting Scripture

1 Cor. 13

Gen. 2:24
Prov. 5:15,18

Ex. 21:10-11
Song Sol. 2:16,
6:3, 7:10

- **Parents**, please be aware that for the next two weeks, our sermons will be in 1 Corinthians 6, which covers topics of a sensitive nature.
- Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen.

<p>1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up Honor & Cherish your Gift Growing together in a Greater Love -- Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>1 Cor. 7:1-7</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide your time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text -read the text together. (1 Cor. 7:1-7)</p> <p><u>Discussion Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can passages of scripture like this be beneficial, helpful, and edifying to the entire congregation, regardless of one's current life circumstance? 2. According to verses 2 & 5, why does Paul encourage physical intimacy within the marriage relationship? 3. How might the example of Jesus' humility, sacrifice and giving up his own body, instruct and inform our approach to physical intimacy in the marriage relationship? 4. In verses 3-4 Paul talks about rights, authority, and bodies. As you explore these two verses together, what is the right for each person in the marriage relationship? Who holds authority in the marriage relationship as it pertains to physical intimacy? To whom do our bodies belong? 5. What is the concession that Paul makes in verse 5? When might it be okay for a couple to abstain from sexual intimacy for a season? 6. Talk about the differences between the gift of singleness and the gift of marriage. How do both gifts make valuable contributions to the faith community? How might we recognize, encourage, and celebrate each other's gifts and contributions? <p><u>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge you to grow in a greater love for God? 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? 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? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u> 1 Cor. 13 Gen. 2:24 Prov. 5:15,18 Ex. 21:10-11 Song Sol. 2:16, 6:3, 7:10</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>