

## **The Life and Letters of Paul**

### **1 Corinthians 7**

1. Sexual immorality was a problem then as it is now, the act was the fruit, but the root was due to an inability to recognize a keep a covenant. (This was based on people who are not married aka single people)

1 Corinthians 7:1-2/ Genesis 2:18- was not good to be alone/ Heb 13:4-Give honor to covenant.

2. Since the relationship should be based on Christ and nothing else, Paul argues that using what the world uses (sexual relationship) not to manipulate or withhold from one another. And if so, done in unity for prayer. (This was based on people who are married)

1 Corinthians 7:3-5/ Colossians 3:5-put to death old way of relationship/

3. Paul's makes it a point to tell the church at Corinth "it is not a command but his opinion" best to single, but not everyone built for that life. (no drama)

1 Corinthians 7:6-7/1 Corinthians 7:6-7(MSG)/

4. Many times, we get married for the sake of being married without weighing out the responsibilities that come with it. Our lack of knowledge becomes dangerous when we include others in our lives.

1 Corinthians 7:8/Luke 14:28-consider the cost/Hosea 4:6(NKJV)- lack of knowledge

5. Paul urges the believers to not let sinful urges have their way. (if we are acting grown then take the grown steps)

1 Corinthians 7:9/1 Corinthians 6:18- Run or make it right

6. As a people more and more it seems that our staying power, commitment to covenants can be easily broken by what we did or did not get out of the relationship. Paul gives a command not from him but the Lord, how do is this handled if divorce is the result.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11/Matthew 19:3-9- Moses gave law according to the peoples hearts But God.

7. Many times, we will examine our current relationship and blame that for a reason of leaving, Paul urges the Church to be an example for the non-believing and have some staying power. Let God do the work.

1 Corinthians 7:12-16/Acts 16:31- it must start with you/Acts 20:32- Let God work in you/Acts 26:18- God can use you

8. Paul advises to Church and its members to trust God in whatever the circumstance is and Live in the situation bringing Glory to God.

1 Corinthians 7:17-24/1 Corinthians 10:31-In "ALL" you do/romans 4:20-21-Abraham is counted righteous because he took God at his word nor matter the situation.

9. Paul urges young women of faith (men would be wise also) to truly consider who you marry because he is trying to spare them from problems. Let the focus be on Christ or we will always be chasing something.

1 Corinthians 7:25-31/

10. Paul finishes of this Chapter with advising the church on the importance of our relationship, they should agree on the things of God, if this is not the case it makes it an uphill battle.

1 Corinthians 7:23-40/2 Corinthians 6:14(AMP)- unequally bound