

The Apostle Paul on Marriage and Being Single

We must know the truth before we can ever hope to follow after the truth; and we must understand that the ungodly has no concerns about what is true from the perspective of God, or what pleases God. But if the ungodly think themselves righteous, they have established their own righteousness:

The Apostle Paul describes marriage and being single that pleases God; marriage that avoids sinful behavior when both the man and the woman in their one marriage, “at any given time”, follow Biblical guidelines.

It seems from this Chapter that Paul was not married, but he points out that not everyone can remain single and avoid getting caught up in sexual sin(s). Notice that what Paul says here in no way permits marriage, or being single in any other setting! Therefore, if anyone instructs otherwise, my first question to them, before following their contrary advice, would be, “how many Damascus Road experiences have you encountered”? And it is irresponsibility silly to think that sexual sin(s) have changed since Paul’s day!

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman (*inappropriately, when they are not married*).

1Co 7:2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife (*that is not someone else’s wife*), and let every woman have her own husband (*that is not someone else’s husband*).

1Co 7:3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence (*kindness*): and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

The husband nor wife should us their body to bargaining one against the other

1Co 7:4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

1Co 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent (*agreement*) for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency (*unable to contain biological urge*).

1Co 7:6 But I speak this by permission, *and* not of commandment.

1Co 7:7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

1Co 7:8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I (*am single*).

1Co 7:9 But if they cannot contain (*biological urges*), let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn (*with uncontrolled lust/ passions*).

1Co 7:10 And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:

1Co 7:11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away (*or divorce his*) wife.

But what if one spouse in the marriage does not believe the Gospel of Jesus?

I have heard the question, “why would you marry another that is not a believer?” Well, perhaps neither of them were believer when they were first married, or what if one or the other becomes a back slider?

1Co 7:12 But to the rest (*of marriage situations*) speak I (*Paul*), not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away (*divorce her*).

1Co 7:13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the (*believing*) wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the (*believing*) husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy (*set apart unto God until the age of consent, when they must decide for themselves to believe or not believe?*).

1Co 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister (*in Christ Jesus*) is not under bondage (*to the departing spouse*) in such *cases*: but God hath called us to peace (*in other words do not destroy the spouse for leaving*).

And the believing spouse could very well make the difference in saving the unsaved spouse.

1Co 7:16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

1Co 7:17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk (*a married or single person*). And so ordain (*or advise*) I in all churches.

Circumcision nor un-circumcision add to or take away anything to the calling of one to God; neither being a servant or freeman take away or add to one called of God!

1Co 7:18 Is any man called (*of God*) being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

1Co 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God (*Examples: Matt 3:17, Matt 12:18, Matt 17:5, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22, there are other scriptures*).

1Co 7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

1Co 7:21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it (*your calling*): but if thou mayest be made free (*by your calling*), (*then*) use (*it, your calling*) rather (*than care not for it*).

1Co 7:22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant.

But in all of our relationship(s), do not loose sight of the most lasting relationships ever, which is with the Lord Jesus Christ. And know that all other relationships of the flesh, ends with the flesh, but every relationship demands due faithfulness pleasing in the sight God! (Luke 20:27 through 20:38).

1Co 7:23 Ye are bought with a price (*which is the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ*); be not ye the servants (*slaves*) of men.

1Co 7:24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide (*stand/ decide/ choose*) with God.

1Co 7:25 Now concerning virgins (*male or female*) I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

1Co 7:26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be *(faithful)*.

1Co 7:27 Art thou bound unto a wife? *(be faithful and)* seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

1Co 7:28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such *(not being married)* shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you *(the details of the possible problems)*.

Being patient with faithfulness in this present state of affairs, knowing the better day promised of God through justification in Jesus Christ has no end.

1Co 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

1Co 7:30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

1Co 7:31 And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion *(things)* of this world passeth away.

1Co 7:32 But I would have you without carefulness *(or not preoccupied about the world passing away?)*. He that is unmarried careth *(is most concerned)* for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

1Co 7:33 But he that is married careth *(is most concerned)* for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.

1Co 7:34 There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth *(is most concerned)* for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth *(is most concerned)* for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

1Co 7:35 And this I speak for your own profit *(good)*; not that I may cast a snare *(misinformation to trip you up)* upon you, but for that which is comely *(best)*, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction *(of biological urges)*.

1Co 7:36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely *(displeasing in sight of God)* toward his virgin *(or biological urges)*, if she *(his virgin)* pass the flower of age *(or is biologically mature)*, and need so require *(biological companionship)*, let him do what he will *(and not think that he/she abandoned God?)*, he sinneth not: let them *(such individuals)* marry.

1Co 7:37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity *(of sexual satisfaction)*, but hath power over his own will *(urges)*, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

1Co 7:38 So then he that giveth *(himself)* in marriage *(according to the guidelines of God, and not man)* doeth well; but he that giveth *(himself)* not in marriage *(or any semblance, or variation thereof)* doeth better.

1Co 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord *(or according to model that is the Lord's; not man's)*.

1Co 7:40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment *(which is without another husband)*: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God *(agreed in my judgment)*.

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