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**Biblical Principles For Marriage & Singleness**

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

**Key Truth:** Our relationship to God guides and directs all our other relationships.

**The Passage:**

1.There is safety in getting spiritual counseling from respected

 leaders.

**Advice To Christian Married Couples:** 1 Corinthians 7:1-6, 10-11, 39-40

1. Have as much sex as you both can handle.

 A. Sex shouldn’t be used as a manipulative tool against your

 spouse.

2. Stay married even when it gets tough.

3. See your marriage as a lifelong covenant.

**Advice To Christian Singles:** 1 Corinthians 7:6-9, 25-38

1. Singleness is better than marriage if you are able to control

 your sexual urges.

2. Some Christians have the gift of celibacy and singleness.

3. The opposite of singleness isn’t marriage but obedience to

 Jesus Christ.

**Advice To Spiritually Mismatched:** 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

1. Stay married even when it gets tough.

 A. If they are willing to accept your faith in Jesus Christ.

 B. An unbelieving spouse enjoys spiritually protection and

 blessings because of you that may lead to salvation.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Ask God to strengthen the marriages of our church based on the truths of His Word. Commit to continuing to grow in holiness in every area of your life.

**Food For Thought**

What did you grow up dreaming about experiencing in marriage?

What are some specific ways—either positively or negatively—your family situation (parents, their marriage, etc.) has affected your view of marriage?

Are there any marriages you look up to or admire? What is it about those marriages that makes them admirable?

Why do you think marriage is important to God?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-11: Paul said it is “good” to remain single. He viewed singleness as a “gift” from God. Do you tend to view singleness that way? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 4:11-13. What is the “secret” to being content?

What do you see as the main differences between a Christian view of singleness and a non-Christian view?

**Spiritual Principles To Live By:** 1 Corinthians 7:17-23

1. Bloom where God has planted you.

2. Be content with the life God has assigned you.

3. Don’t be controlled by your circumstances.