

## **I Corinthians 7: 1-40 PART TWO- "So How Do We Live A Married Or Single Life In Corinth" 2/16/2025 ( 7:8-15 Today)**

Paul deals with 6 questions about marriage sent to him in a letter. Two questions about circumcision and slavery.

In part one we dealt with question one.

**Question 1. "Are couples to continue normal physical relationships after becoming believers in Christ?"** Maybe little, or no intimacy, might help us combat the temptations all around us in immoral Corinth?

**The answer was to enjoy intimacy always as a married couple. That is part of the safeguard.** Asceticism does not work. As always, married or single, one will always have to practice self-control in all areas of life, but never alone. Always with the Holy Spirit's help.

**Paul distinguishes between direct commands of Jesus given to him ( 7:10), and his own view. 7:6, 12, 25, 35, 40.**

**Tyndale N.T. Commentaries-** "Moffatt points out that Paul's careful discrimination between a saying of the Lord and his own injunction tells strongly against those who maintain that the early church was in the habit of producing the sayings it needed and then ascribing them to Christ. 'It is historically of high importance that he did not feel the liberty to create a saying of Jesus, even when, as here, it would have been highly convenient in order to settle a disputed point of Christian behavior.'"

### **The themes in these 6 questions:**

1. Being single means more freedom to serve the Lord. 7:7-8
2. Stay put right now in this present distress. 7:17,20,24,26
3. Don't get too involved with this world, even in the things permitted to do, because we may leave soon. Or, it could mean a situation that will scramble the normal life in that area. 7:29-31

### **The 6 questions relating to marriage are:**

1. Are couple to continue normal physical relationship after conversion? ( last week part 1)
2. Should the unmarried marry?
3. Is divorce permitted to a Christian couple?

4. When one partner gets converted, should the marriage relationship continue with the un believing spouse?

5. Ought Christian fathers to give their daughters in marriage?

6. May a Christian widow remarry?

**TEXT: 7:8-25 \*\*\*\*\***

**7: 8-9 Question 2: Should the unmarried marry?**

Paul commends celibacy but only for those with a gift to do so.

**7:10-11 Question 3: Is divorced permitted to a Christina couple if one partner just wants to call it quits? NO.** Adultery is grounds for a divorce, but even then I would advise to seek to be reconciled first. **Matthew 19:3-9 Divorce permitted.**

**7: 12-17 Question 4: When one partner gets converted, should old relationship continue with the unbelieving spouse? YES.** The believer is not to leave, but if the unbeliever leaves, **the believer does not have to be bound to the original agreement of marriage** and is free to remarry if they like.

**7: 15** Paul was dealing with a marriage situation that Jesus did not have to deal with. Jesus' ministry was to Israel, primarily. Paul had to deal with mixed marriages. I believe there are two grounds for divorce.

**I Peter 3:1-9** has a good thing to say on this subject.

**(7:14) What about the unbelieving kids and spouse?**

**Ex.** I came from half- a- Christian home, and I know that we were protected because of my mom's relationship to the Lord. This does not mean we were saved. ( 7:14 unbelieving wife/husband)They are given every advantage to believe because of the believer in the marriage.

**Ex. Genesis 15:18, 17:7-8** Israel blessed because of Abraham's faith, but only the remnant would be saved, if they expressed the faith of Abraham. That first generation in the desert died except for a few, yet they were given extensive revelation and chances to repent simply because of Abraham's faith.

**Ex. Because of David's real faith and love for God** King Jeroboam was cut some slack, but it was because David was righteous. **I Kings 15:1-5**