

LESSON 10
THE ISSUE OF MARRIAGE – PART 1
1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-40

I. Marriage and Celibacy (7:1-9)

A. The issue of Celibacy (7:1)

- Paul is addressing _____ that the Corinthians wrote him about.
- Paul affirms that _____.

B. The general rule (7:2)

- Paul encourages people to marry to _____.

C. Spousal responsibility (7:3-4)

1. Mutual responsibility (7:3)

- Spouses are responsible to satisfy each other's _____.

2. Slaves to each other (7:4)

- Physically your body belongs to _____.

D. The warning (7:5a)

- We are warned not to _____ our spouses of their sexual fulfillment.

E. The concession (7:5b-6)

1. For a short time of spiritual reflection (7:5b)

- Paul allows a _____ for spiritual refreshment.
- This should only be for a short period of time in order to avoid _____.

2. Not a command (7:6)

- Paul is not giving this concession as a command but a _____.

F. A gift from God (7:7)

- Paul wishes that all were _____.
- He points out that God gives the _____.

G. The unmarried and Widows (7:8-9)

1. The encouragement (7:8)

- Paul encourages the unmarried and widows to _____.

2. For sexual purity (7:9)

- They should marry if the temptation to sexual immorality is _____.

II. Marriage and Divorce (7:10-16)

A. The command concerning divorce (7:10)

- Paul reiterates a command from _____.
- The command is that a person is _____.

B. For the divorced (7:11)

- A divorced person is to _____.

C. Concerning an unbelieving spouse (7:12-16)

1. Remain with them (7:12-13)

- Paul tells the believing spouse not to leave if the unbelieving spouse _____.

2. The presence of the believing spouse (7:14)

- The Christian spouse was a _____ in the marriage.

3. Allow them to leave (7:15)

- Paul tells the believer to let an unbelieving spouse _____ if they wish.

4. The principle (7:16)

- The Christian might be used to help the unbelieving spouse experience _____.