
Instructions for Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-40

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1. The _____ of Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- a) Sexual expression is _____ for the marriage union (vs. 1-2)
- b) A husband and wife _____ to one another in the marriage union (vs. 4-6)
- c) Being single is a gift that requires _____ and _____ to God (vs. 7-9)
 - God has given the _____ of His Spirit to strengthen His gifts of singleness and marriage (Galatians 5:22-23).

2. _____ a spouse

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

- a) It is never a "_____ " to break the marriage union (vs. 10-11)
- b) God does not want us to leave an _____ spouse (vs. 12-16)
 - God has called us to _____ in our marriage (vs. 15).

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3. Instructions for the _____

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

- a) God's call does not require you to change your _____ in life (vs. 17-24)
- b) It is not a _____ to remain single or to get married (vs. 27-28)
- c) A single person is free to have their _____ be about the things of the Lord (vs. 32-35)
 - God requires that we practice _____ and _____ in our marriage and our commitment to Him.

❖ Insight for life:

I will _____ God's instructions for marriage.

My Thoughts:

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1. The purpose of Marriage

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- a) Sexual expression is designed for the marriage union (vs. 1-2)
- b) A husband and wife belong to one another in the marriage union (vs. 4-6)
- c) Being single is a gift that requires discipline and dedication to God (vs. 7-9)
 - God has given the fruit of His Spirit to strengthen His gifts of singleness and marriage (Galatians 5:22-23).

2. Leaving a spouse

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

- a) It is never a "good thing" to break the marriage union (vs. 10-11)
- b) God does not want us to leave an unbelieving spouse (vs. 12-16)
 - God has called us to peace in our marriage (vs. 15).

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3. Instructions for the unmarried

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

- a) God's call does not require you to change your position in life (vs. 17-24)
- b) It is not a sin to remain single or to get married (vs. 27-28)
- c) A single person is free to have their concern be about the things of the Lord (vs. 32-35)
 - God requires that we practice concern and devotion in our marriage and our commitment to Him.

❖ Insight for life:

I will follow God's instructions for marriage.

My Thoughts: