



Principles of Marriage

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 7

Paul begins this chapter by addressing a question that had been posed by the Corinthian Church. The question stems from the issue of moral corruption of the culture, which tolerated fornication, adultery, homosexuality, polygamy, and concubinage. All these acts of sexual sin confused some of the Corinthians and they thought it may be best to remain single and celibate. Paul's response was clear and concise, "it is good for a man not to touch a woman," meaning to have sexual intercourse. "Because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife and each woman is to have her own husband. Each partner is to have authority over their spouse's body. Paul went on to say, "stop depriving one another," this may cause someone to sin. My friends, this counsel is good for us today. We serve God by serving one another. That service begins with our spouses. As we learn to love one another and grow into that one flesh concept, we understand that our lives are not our own, we belong to one another.

Have you heard it said, happy wife, happy life? That concept is only good for so much. I like to think more along the lines of my life in Christ. If I serve Him fully, he endows me with His Spirit, which produces a supernatural effect in my character enabling me to serve and love my wife at a whole new level that would not have been afforded me outside my sincere desire to live fully for Christ. I think the apostle Paul spoke to this in part when he said that we should live as we are called. Paul stated that "as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk." This means that our faith is foundational to our Christian calling. It matters not your social economic level, your level of power or status, married or single, all those worldly derivatives are irrelevant. What matters is your calling from God. "Christ is all and in all."

Paul also gives us great encouragement for those who are single and enjoy the freedom and independent lifestyle. He speaks to men and women. If you are not bound, you should not seek a spouse if that is not your calling. However, be very careful not to fall into sin. Paul states, "Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you." Marriage has its own troubles. It involves conflicts, demands, difficulties, and adjustments that singleness does not. Therefore, being single can elevate "one's concern about the things of the Lord, and how he/she may please the Lord" rather than trying to please a spouse.

Paul does not seem to be advocating being married or being single. It is a matter of the heart and should be reconciled by the individual and God through prayer. So, as we contemplate these things, let us not push anyone in one camp or the other. But pray with them, read these passages of scripture with them, and allow the Lord to lead them. That is the most that we can do.

Have a wonderful day as you walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 8

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