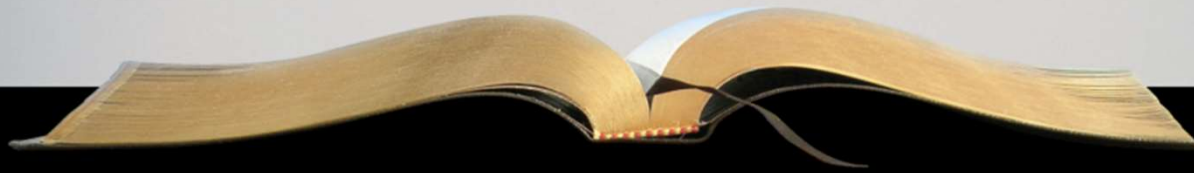


[1 Corinthians]

## **Lesson 7**

**Rules for the Married and Unmarried**

**(1 Corinthian 7:1-40)**



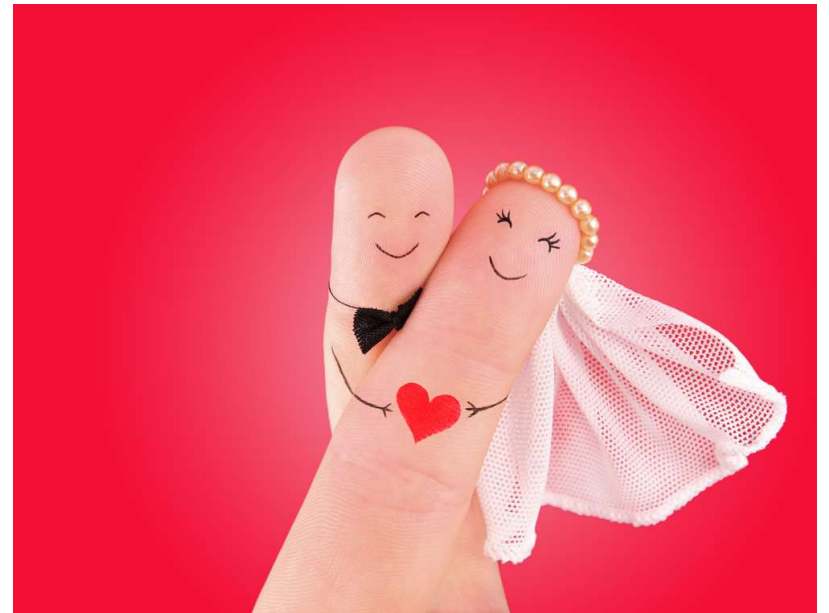
# 1. Rules for Marriage



(1 Corinthians 7:1) *Now concerning (about) the things whereof (which) ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. (2) Nevertheless (and), to avoid (not) fornication (sex sin), let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

\*Do not touch.

\*\*If you want to touch, get married.



(1 Corinthians 7:6) *But I speak this by **permission** (allow), and not of commandment. (7) For I would (want) that all men were even as (same) I myself [**unmarried**]. But every man hath his proper (right) gift of [from] God, one after this manner (way [able not to marry]), and another after that (way [need to marry]).*

It is **OKAY** to continue **unmarried** like Paul.

(1 Corinthians 7:8) *I say therefore to the **unmarried** and **widows**, It is **good** for them if they abide (*continue*) even as (*same*) I (*Paul—unmarried*). (9) But if they cannot contain (*continue [unmarried]*), **let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn** [*wrongly lust*].*

It is **OKAY** to continue **unmarried** like Paul.

If you burn (*strong desire*) for marriage, then **marry**.

(1 Corinthians 7:10) *And unto the **married** I **command**, yet not I, but the **Lord**, Let **not** the wife **depart** from her husband: (11) But and **if** she **depart**, let her remain **(continue)** unmarried, or be reconciled **(again married)** to her husband: and let **not** the husband **put away (divorce)** his wife.*



(1 Corinthians 7:12) *But to the rest (other questions) speak I, not the Lord: If any brother [believer] hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased (happy) to dwell (continue married) with him, let him **not put her away (divorce)**. (13) And the woman [believer] which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her **not leave him**.*



\*These answers Jesus did not say before, but now the Holy Spirit through Paul gave the answers.

(1 Corinthians 7:15) *But if the unbelieving depart (**leave**), let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage (**responsibility**) in such cases (**happens**): but **God hath called us to peace.** (16) For what knowest thou, O wife, whether (**if**) thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?*

God does not want us to force our husband/wife to do something that they don't want to do.



(1 Corinthians 7:39) *The wife is bound (**married**) by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty (**free**) to be married to whom she will (**want**); **only** in the Lord (**Christian**). (40) But she is **happier** if she so (**unmarried**) abide (**continue**), after my judgment (**wisdom**): and I (**Paul**) think also that **I** have the Spirit of God [**God's Word**].*

The Holy Spirit through Paul gave the answers.

## 2. To Marry or Continue Unmarried?



(1 Corinthians 7:25) Now concerning virgins (*unmarried*) I (*Paul*) have *no commandment of the Lord*: yet I give *my judgment (wisdom)*, as one that hath obtained (*received*) mercy of the Lord to be faithful. (26) I suppose (*think*) therefore that this [*continue unmarried*] is good for the present (*now*) distress (*hard time*), I say, that it is good for a man so to be [*continue unmarried*].



(1 Corinthians 7:27) *Art thou bound (**married**) unto a wife? seek not to be loosed (**unmarried/divorced**). Art thou loosed (**unmarried**) from a wife? Seek (**marry**) not a wife. (28) But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin (**unmarried woman**) marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless (**but**) such (**married**) shall have trouble (**hard time**) in the flesh (**in world**): but I spare (**save**) you [**want to save you from more trouble in world**].*



(1 Corinthians 7:32) *But I would (**want**) have you without carefulness (**free**). He that is unmarried careth (**busy**) for the things that belong to the Lord [**church work / evangelism**], how he may please the Lord: (33) But he that is married careth (**busy**) for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*



(1 Corinthians 7:34) *There is difference also between a wife (**married**) and a virgin (**unmarried**). The unmarried woman careth (**busy**) for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy (**separated**) both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth (**busy**) for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*





(1 Corinthians 7:35) *And this I speak for your own profit (**help**); not that I may cast a snare upon you [**make difficult**], but for that which is comely (**good**), and that ye may attend (**focus—serve**) upon the Lord without distraction (**free**).*

