

The Importance of Mutual Affection

1 Corinthians 7:3-7

(series #25)

Intro: Not being conformed to this world - Rom. 12:1-2

- I. The Command of Mutual Affection vv. 3-4
 - A. The illustration from Song of Solomon
 - 1. 1:1-2
 - 2. 2:4-7
 - B. The expectation of non-selfishness v. 4

- II. The Protection of Mutual Affection v. 5
 - A. Some in the church believed sex is unspiritual

 - B. God's perspective is it is good within marriage

- III. The Concession of Mutual Affection v. 6
 - A. This concession may apply to verse 5
 - i.e. if the stipulations of verse 5 are met

 - B. This concession may apply to verses 1-5
 - i.e. don't take this to mean you must marry

- IV. The Exception of Mutual Affection v. 7
 - A. There are advantages to being single v. 7a

 - B. Being single is not for everyone v. 7b

Conclusion: Singleness and marriage are both gifts from God