

10. The problem is not with marriage but with whom?
11. What section of I Corinthians did Paul write in response to the report he received about unrest and problems in the Corinthian church?
12. Chapters 7-16 were written to answer what?
13. The first question on the list from the Corinthians was what issue?
14. The first few verses in I Corinthians 7 are focused on what issue in marriage?
15. What was rampant in the Corinth society of Paul's day?
16. Some people in the city of Corinth believed that sex is purely what?
17. Others, probably in response to the people of question 16, viewed sex as something that was what?
18. What is the biblical balance concerning sexuality?
19. The end of chapter 6 warns against what?
20. God says the things He does about physical intimacy, not only for His glory, but also for what purpose?
21. Another reason why God addresses this issue so often in His word is because Satan and the world are very aggressive at doing what?
22. What part of the story about sexual immorality, does Satan and the world try to hide?
23. The dangers and harm of sexual sin are nowhere presented more vividly and forcefully than in what book of the Bible?
24. The point of Proverbs 5:1-3 is that sexual allurement is extremely what?
25. According to Proverbs 5:4-14, involvement in illicit sex, often leads to loss of what kinds of things?
26. No one gets away with what?
27. If you are wise, you will listen to whom?
28. What are some of the facts about the city of Corinth?
29. Because of the moral filth, some of the Christians in Corinth came to the conclusion that the best approach in life is to be what?
30. "...it is good not to touch a woman" was a Jewish figure of speech for what?
31. Singleness and celibacy are what?
32. What is one advantage of being single?
33. Is marriage or celibacy better?
34. Because of verse 2, many have accused Paul of having what kind of view of marriage?
35. Paul's point in verse 2 is that God designed marriage to be the context in which our human sexuality is enjoyed and therefore one of its many purposes is to serve as a protection against what?

36. What is a good example of the Bible not being ashamed to speak about sexual charm and expression in marriage?

37. What is a sign of a good marriage?

38. What won't sexual intimacy fix?

39. If you are married, are you following God's pattern for marriage, as revealed in the Word? Or are you following Satan, the world, and your own sin?

40. If you are single, are you taking advantage of that singleness to be more useful and undistracted in working for Christ?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Week:**

- 1) Read I Corinthians 1:1-7:7 through at least once this week.
- 2) Discuss with a friend, some of the things in our culture that are neutral-no real right or wrong, and those things that are not neutral.
- 3) Read and meditate on Romans 12:1-2 and how it speaks to your life in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 4) Read I Corinthians 7:1-7 and discuss specifically what Paul is instructing us pertaining to the marriage relationship. How does that differ from what is happening in our world(and sadly in the church)?

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**THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE**

**I Corinthians 7:1-**

**(Series #24)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The Gift of Marriage**". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. We need to be reminded of and remind ourselves of what on a regular basis?
2. The reason we need this reminder is because life is what?
3. Dr. Ron Allen says that the message of the entire book of Psalms can be summed up in what expression?
4. Common grace from God is extended to whom?
5. What are at least two passages that talk about common grace?
6. One expression of God's common grace to mankind is what?
7. Who are the only ones who can experience marriage in all its fullness and enjoy it as God intended?
8. God said, at creation that it is not good for man to be what?
9. In our culture there is what kind of attitude towards marriage?

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