

# Options for Marriage

Matthew 19:10-12

(series #107)

**Intro:** the lack of clear thinking on divorce & remarriage

## I. Clarification for the Disciples vv. 10-12

- A. Is it better not to marry? v. 10
  
- B. Singleness and celibacy isn't for everyone

## II. Clarification from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 7

- A. Is it spiritual to abstain from physical intimacy? vv. 1-7
  
- B. Is it ever ok to re-marry after divorce? vv. 8-9
  - 1. The Three Groups in Chapter 7
    - a. Virgin
    - b. Widows
    - c. UnMarried
  
  - 2. The Answer to the Question
    - a. Widows Can Re-marry
    - b. Those Divorced Prior to Salvation can Re-marry - 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17
  
- C. What are the options for married folks? vv. 10-16
  - 1. A Christian Married to a Christian vv. 10-11
    - a. Don't Divorce
    - b. Don't Re-marry - Hebrews 13:4
    - c. Be Reconciled
  
  - 2. A Christian Married to a non-Christian vv. 12-16
    - a. Stay in the Marriage v. 15
    - b. Desertion by the unbeliever v. 15
      - (1) Let him leave
      - (2) Free to Re-marry - Romans 7:2

**Concluding applications:** Follow God's instructions!