

“REFLECTING Christ’s CHARACTER in our marriages”

REVIEW of 1 Cor. 7...

“The RIGHT DEFINITION of MARRIAGE” - v.1-6

- **KEY:** The **CORINTHIANS** thought enough of their **APOSTLE** to **ASK QUESTIONS**
- **The ROLES:**
 - The **HUSBAND** is to picture **CHRIST**
 - The **WIFE** is to picture the **CHURCH**
- **(One of) the REASONS for marriage - “to avoid fornication”**
 - The **POSSESSIVE NATURE** of marriage
 - ...let every man have **his own** wife, and let every woman have **her own** husband.
 - The **PROTECTIVE NATURE** of marriage
 - ...to avoid fornication,
- **What’s to be RENDERED** in the marriage relationship...“due benevolence”

“RECOGNIZE the GIFT of GOD” - v.7-9

- **The Biblical RECOMMENDATION of SINGLENESS**
 - 7 For I would that all men were even *as I myself*. **But** every man hath his proper **gift of God**, one after this manner, and another after that.
- **The REALITY of SINGLENESS in Paul’s life**
 - 3 “**REALITIES**” of **NOT** embracing **SINGLENESS**
 - The **REALITY** of **MARITAL RESPONSIBILITY** (you have to **DO** what God says to **DO!**)
 - A **LIMITATION** in your **CAPACITY** to **CARE** - v.32-34
 - The **TROUBLE** in the **FLESH** - v.28
 - **The RELEASE** from **SINGLENESS** - v.9

“REFLECT Christ’s CHARACTER in our MARRIAGES - v.10-16

1. The _____ effect of MARRIAGE - v.10-11

- The **COMMANDER** - the **LORD**
 - **KEY:** _____ was _____ God’s design for marriage!
 - **POINT:** My marital **FAITHFULNESS** is a working out of Christ’s _____ in my life
- **THE COMMAND**
 - _____ - don’t depart - Jer. 3:20, Jer. 5:11, Hos. 1:2
 - _____ - don’t put away - Matt. 5:31-32, Matt. 19:1-8, Mark 10:5-9
- **KEY:** I can mirror _____ faithfulness by staying **FAITHFUL** to my spouse in my marriage! - Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:5

- **POINT:** As a WIFE, I mirror the CHRIST's FAITHFULNESS to CHRIST by staying FAITHFUL MY husband.
- **POINT:** As a HUSBAND, I mirror CHRIST's FAITHFULNESS to the CHURCH by staying FAITHFUL to my wife.

2. The _____ effect of MARRIAGE - v.12-14

- The _____ (to speak on this subject)
 - 1 Cor. 7:40, 2 Pet. 1:21, 1 Cor. 14:37, 2 Pet. 3:15-16
- The _____ of an unbeliever in the marriage - HOW?
 - 2 Cor. 6:14, Deut. 22:10, Amos 3:3
- The _____ of a believer in the marriage
 - **KEY:** There's _____ because of the presence of the _____
 - 1 Pet. 3:7, Eph. 3:17, 2 Tim. 1:14
 - SANCTIFIED - to be set apart (for God's purposes) - Gen. 2:3, Ex. 13:1-2, 19:10,14; Lev. 20:7
 - **POINT:** I can mirror Christ's never-forsaking _____ by the way I DWELL with my spouse.

3. The _____ effect of MARRIAGE - v.15

- The "brother" or the "sister" is a _____ PERSON!
- "Unbelieving" - "unbelieving husband" or the "unbelieving wife"
 - Titus 1:5, Rev. 21:8
- **KEY:** I mirror Christ's _____ when I allow the unbelieving to _____

4. The _____ effect of MARRIAGE - v.16

- **KEY:** MISSIONS and MINISTRY _____ starts in the _____!
 - 1 Pet. 3:1-6, Gal. 1:13
- "Conversation" - manner of _____, what your life _____
- **QUESTION:** What is my "CONVERSATION" actually _____ to my SPOUSE?
- **KEY:** I mirror Christ's _____ to my spouse through my daily _____