

The Principles of Marriage; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

I. A Purpose of Marriage (v. 1-3)

1. To prevent sexual immorality people should _____.
2. Husbands and wives should give and show ___ E ___ T ___ to each other.
3. According to 1 Corinthians 5:11 fellowship is discouraged with non-repentant Christians who are (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____, (5) _____, or (6) _____.
4. Why is fellowship with such people to be avoided? (1 Corinthians 15:33)

5. "Therefore a _____ shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his _____, and they shall become _____ flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

II. Instruction for Intimacy (v. 4-5)

6. Husbands and wives do not have _____ over their own bodies, but it belongs to _____.
7. Physical intimacy is not to be withheld from each other except for what reason?

8. A lack of intimacy in a marriage can cause ___ M ___ I ___ N and a lack of ___ L ___ - ___ O ___ R ___ L.
9. Wives are to be _____ to their husbands and husbands are to _____ their wives just as _____ loved the _____. (Ephesians 5:24-25)
10. "_____ is honorable among all, and the bed _____; but fornicators and adulterers God will _____." (Hebrews 13:4)

III. Instruction to the Unmarried (v. 6-9)

11. Paul suggest to the unmarried that it would be good for them to _____ that way.
12. If the unmarried cannot control their desires then they should _____.
 - a. "For it is better to marry than to _____ with passion."
13. Self-control is a _____ of the _____. (Galatians 5:22-23)
14. True or False: Marriage is required for preachers.
15. What spiritual benefit is there to the unmarried Christian? (v.35)
They can serve the Lord without _____.

Conclusion:

16. "Therefore be _____ of God as dear children." (Ephesians 5:1-3)

a. What should never be named within the church? _____ and all _____ or _____.

17. We must do our very best to be _____ in all of our conduct. (1 Peter 1:15)

(1) Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. (2) Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. (3) Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. (4) The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. (5) Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (6) But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment.

(7) For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. (8) But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; (9) but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. (1 Corinthians 7:1-9)