

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:1-4
Topic: Sex. Marriage.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 31
Series: 1 of 4

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God, Sex & Your Marriage

Understanding Your Sexual Ministry

part 1



1. Don't _____ (vv.1-2)

2. Decisively _____ (v.3)

3. Prepare _____ (v.4)

1 Cor. 7:1-4

¹ Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. ² But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.

³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. In the rare event that sex is discussed in church, it is usually in some of its most negative contexts (and there are plenty). But such a one-sided slant is unfortunate, considering the Bible's many positive reviews on this divinely instituted act. Describe how your view of sex has gone through changes since you became a Christian. In what ways (even small ones) have you "thrown the baby out with the bath water" in hopes of adopting a righteous perspective?

How far would your perspective need to move if you were to think about sex the way God intended Adam to think about sex when he inaugurated the activity in the Garden of Eden, or the way the inspired book, *Song of Solomon*, portrays it?

2. What impact do you think it would have on your marriage if you began to think more "redemptively" (biblically positive) about sex?

How important is attitude when it comes to sex? Why?

3. What practical steps can you take to make your sexual encounters more of a divinely sanctioned ministry to your spouse?
4. Utilizing a setting and a time conducive to a level-headed discussion, talk to your spouse this week about this sermon (its three points) and your sex life.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

1Chron. 1-2 & Ps. 3-4

Monday

1Chron. 3-4 & Ps. 5-6

Tuesday

1Chron. 5-6 & Ps. 7-8

Wednesday

1Chron. 7-9 & Ps. 9-10

Thursday

1Chron. 10-11 & Ps. 11-12

Friday

1Chron. 12-13 & Ps. 13-14

Saturday

1Chron. 14-15 & Ps. 15-16

Here are some resources which may help to augment your understanding and assist your application of 1 Corinthians 7:1-4.

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