

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:7-9
Topic: Sex. Marriage.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 33
Series: 3 of 4

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God, Sex & Your Marriage
Before You Embark on a Sexual Ministry

part 3



1. Make _____ (vv.7-9)

2. Wisely _____ (v.9)

3. Don't _____ (v.7)

1 Cor. 7:7-9

⁷ I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

⁸ Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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. What do you imagine (or know) to be some of the greatest challenges of living as a single Christian committed to living a holy life in our sex-saturated society?

How could you more specifically pray for the unmarried Christians that you know?

2. If you are single, how will you seek to affirm God's calling for your life (as it relates to singleness or marriage)? Who will you enlist to pray with you about this important topic?

3. How have your words or your attitude reflected a disrespect or general ingratitude for the position in which God currently has you (if you are married, toward marriage; if you are single, toward singleness)?

Write out a prayer of thanksgiving for this present season of your life (focusing on God's gift of singleness or God's gift of marriage).

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

Sunday

2Chron.3-4 & Ps.31-32

Monday

2Chron.5-6 & Ps.33-34

Tuesday

2Chron.7-9 & Ps.35-36

Wednesday

2Chron.10-12 & Ps.37

Thursday

2Chron.13-14 & Ps.38-39

Friday

2Chron.15-16 & Ps.40-41

Saturday

2Chron.17-18 & Ps.42-43

Here are some resources which may help you better understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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