

God's Word to the Unmarried

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1 Corinthians 7

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1 Corinthians 7:1a - "Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me:"

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1) Is there something inherently wrong with sex? Verses 1-7

- a) Sex is **sacred**.
- b) Sex is **safe**.
- c) Sex is **sane**.
- d) Sex is **spiritual**.

2) What does God say to married people? Verses 10-16

- a) **Stay** married. Verse 10-11
- b) **Seek** reconciliation. Verse 11
- c) **Sanctify** your children. Verse 14, 27

3) What does God say to unmarried people? Verses 8-9

- a) A general observation:
Seek after God. Verses 32-35
- b) Let God **seek after** your mate Verses 20-24
- c) A look at particular cases:
 - d) To widows:
 - i) If you can, **stay single**. Verses 8-9
 - ii) If you can't, **stay spiritual**. Verse 39; also 1 Timothy 5:14
Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully."
 - e) To virgins:
 - i) Stay **sexually pure**. Verse 34; also 1 Corinthians 6:18 *"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body"*
 - ii) Stay spiritually **active**. Verse 33-34
 - iii) Stay singly **focused**. Verse 24

- iv) Stay sensitive to your parents. Verse 36-38
- f) To formerly married or single again:
 - i) Reconcile if you can. Verse 11
 - ii) Remain single if you can. Verse 11; also 7
 - iii) Remember God's plan and Jesus command.
 - iv) Remarry if you must. Verse 27-28
 - v) Because of passion. Verse 9
 - vi) Because of peace. Verse 15
 - vii) Because of privilege. Verse 27-28
 - viii) Because of a new creation. Verse 17-24

Summary: Seek God with all your heart; serve Jesus with all your strength; seek grace to wait for His will, His plan!