

1st Corinthians Chapter 7
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Chapter 7. This is both a simple chapter and a complex one. It depends totally your point of view. If you are in the Spirit of God, it is simple. But in the flesh and a natural mind; it is complex. Paul tries to deal with this issue to speak to both sides while remaining on God's side. Many issues will challenge us and cause us to do much study and engage in much meditation and prayer with the Lord. But we will exist this chapter at a new spiritual level in life when we master the principles contained within.

Verses 1-7: The Corinthians had written Paul concerning these issues that they found unclear in the foundational teachings of Christ. But they are answered by Christ. It just becomes hard to hear, or shall we say hard to accept God's Truth when there is a desire within that runs contrary to His Word. (i.e. LGBTQ) The question concerns the right attitude and execution of virginity, courtship, and marriage. Especially in the face of believers and non-believers. (Heb 13: 4; Mat 19: 9;12; Mar 10: 11-12) Paul says it is Good to be married or to be single. But he appeals to the side that being single is better.

Verses 8-11: Bottomline; "stay where the Lord called you." If you are married, stay married and faithful in your marriage. If you are divorced, or even in separation from your marriage partner, you must remain celibate. But if widowed, you are free to marry again, but not to a married person. Paul's objective is to place ones 'self in the best life circumstance for God's service. These commands come from Jesus.

Verses 12-16: But now Paul ventures to give personal advice on the matters of mixed marriages. (Believer and unbeliever) As we know the believer should not be unequally yoked with the unbeliever. Yet life can cause these two to be married. An example is; if both were unsaved and one got saved. Or the failure to obey God before entering a marriage with an unbeliever. Paul says, if you two get alone. Stay together. Discuss "unclean children. (?) The unbeliever is free to go; but the believer is not.

Verse 17-24: Paul says that life positions are not important; especially when compare with our positions in Christ Jesus. Some of these may give us pause. The circumcised and uncircumcised, But especially for Black Americans on the position of "Slave and Free." Yet do note in verse 21, Paul states that if you can gain freedom, do so. There is an inner peace with the presence of God within. And Paul is saying that nothing can take that away. And with that, we can deal with everything else. But as God rescued His people from Pharaoh, He will rescue us from all our tormentors, oppressors, and enemies.

Verses 25-31: Paul seems to be recruiting for the service of Christ. For all he states within the closure of this chapter is that is far better to serve God than to serve the desires and pleasures of self. Yet people get married from many different reasons. Some for passion, some to quench lust, some for money and security, some because they just want to be with the one they love dearly. But in and through it all, the question is what effect will it have on your walk with and

service for the Lord? Paul promotes that even the person that is married should serve God as if he were not married. For in normal situations most men and women are far more concerned with their spouse's pleasure than the Lord's.

Verses 32-40: In closing, Paul states that he is not trying to impose restrictions nor burdens upon any, single or married. The objective is to live with or without a husband or wife in such a way that one can give their full devotion, energy, and focus to God's Will, Word, and Way. Amen! Amen!! And Amen!!!