

Relationship Status:

Married

## → Relationship Status: Marriage & Sex, 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." <sup>2</sup>But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. <sup>3</sup>The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup>For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup>Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

### Introduction

The topic of marriage and sex is important for married and singles. It's important to have a biblical view of marriage and sexuality. It impacts a singles view of what marriage could be – and impacts choices in dating relationship. In marriage it is often a challenging subject. Many married person has commented "I never knew the struggles we would face over sex".

What's one thing you applied from last weeks study?

When you were growing up, how and when was sex discussed in your home? Who did you have "the talk" with?

What have been some of your influences on what you think about sex? (movies, books, conversations, etc)

### Read 1 Corinthians 7: 1-5. & 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20.

Chapter 7 continues the conversation started in chapter 6.

From both passages, list the verses and the wrong views on sex that Paul was addressing in Corinth.

What are some of the wrong views about sex in our culture today?

What are some of the wrong views about sex from those attending Park?

Bill & Mindy mentioned 7 purposes for sex. Did you agree with them? Were any of them new for you to hear?

## Read 1 Corinthians 7: 2.

Today, polygamy is rare. Yet sex outside of marriage and affairs seem to be common place. But the biblical view of marriage is for a man and wife to live faithfully and loyally to one another for life. Why are monogamy and faithfulness important?

What do you make of the blockbuster verse 3?! This was written in a culture where women didn't have the right to vote or own property, yet wives are given equal authority with their husbands in the bedroom. What does this say about God's view of sex?

Read verse 3. Contrast that verse with the notion where sex is viewed as a husband's privilege and a wife's obligation.

Bill & Mindy mentioned the "Top 10 Reasons for Why Husbands and Wives Deprive Each Other of sex". Did any of these reasons surprise you? Would you add any to this list?

According to verse 5, there is a place for a husband and wife to abstain from sex for a limited time to fast and pray, if they mutually agree upon it. What are some reasons why a couple would abstain from sex for a limited time?

The passage concludes with a warning in verse 5 that Satan is on the warpath in the area of sex in marriage. What are direct ways Satan is on a warpath in the area of sex? What are indirect ways Satan is on the warpath in the area of sex?

**Conclude in prayer for one another.** Pray for a passion for purity in the lives of God's people. Pray that we would have a Biblical view of God's design for sex in marriage.



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