

ENCORE Discoveries

1. What is the key theme in today's verses? *BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR*

2. Originally, God intended that Adam and Eve have offspring to populate the earth. That was before sin entered the world. God still supports marriage, but He also commands it for what purpose (7:2)? Was this a consideration before the Fall?
3. Chapter six told us that our bodies belong to God. According to 7:4, our bodies also belong to whom?
4. In 7:5, God gives us four conditions on celibacy in marriage. What are they?
 - “*except with _____*”
What does this mean?
 - “*for a _____*”
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 - “*that you may give yourselves to _____ and _____*”
Explain.
 - Then “*_____ again*” so you're not tempted.
5. Might there be some rare exceptions to the issue in question five?
6. In 7:7, what seems to be the “gift from God” Paul is speaking of?
7. If a single person's focus is constantly drawn away from the Lord by his own passions, what does Paul recommend (7:9)?
8. What does our text teach us about the purpose and place of sexual relationships?
9. Review the other reasons for marriage.

Theme: Principles of Marriage

Monday

Marriage is a beautiful picture of what (Revelation 19:7)? Are you a part of the “bride of Christ”?

Tuesday

God regards marriage very highly, having instituted it at creation (Genesis 2:24). If you’re already married, how can you bring honor to God through your marriage?

If you’re single, can you still honor that special union in some way? How?

Wednesday

Someone has said that the important thing in a marriage isn’t marrying the “right” person but *being* the “right” person. Do you agree? Explain.

Thursday

Marriage is the joining together of two imperfect people in a lifelong commitment. How does I Corinthians 7:1-9 help us better honor that commitment?

Friday

What do you feel is the most essential quality of a spouse or, if you’re single, a potential spouse?

Saturday

What prayer can you offer up to God based on this passage of Scripture? Write it out below.

“LORD, _____

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