

Sermon Notes

Sexual Desire and Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

7:1 The Corinthians' statement: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

7:2 "But because of sexual immoralities, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband."

7:3-4 The husband and wife must fulfill their obligation to one another. Neither has authority over their own body, but each spouse has authority over the other's body.

We should not violate the intent of this.

Both spouses should be aware of the truth of this passage and willingly give their body to their spouse, out of honor for the way God says things should be.

7:5 "You must not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement, for a certain time period, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

Regular sex is a good part of marriage. It is a reasonable expectation. It can help prevent temptation to commit sexual immorality.

Paul is not saying giving-in to temptation is okay.

7:6 This is a concession, not a command.

7:7-9 Paul wished everyone to be like him, but not everyone has the gift. So if they do not have self-control, they should marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

The actual gift may not be singleness; but rather, the gift may be freedom from the desire or need of sex, which would then allow someone to more easily remain single.

It can be good to stay single, but maybe only if you have the gift.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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