



## ***“To Marry... or Remain Single...”***

1 Cor. 7:1-7 • part 23

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### INTRODUCTION

- a cultural understanding of marriage
- a biblical understanding of marriage—God designed marriage for:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:28)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 5:18-19)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:18)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:25-32)
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 7:2)

### *1. The principle of sexual purity (7:1-2)*

- “touch” =  
Gen. 20:1-6; Prov. 6:27-29
- “good” =
- celibacy is good; marriage is the norm

### *2. The place of sex in marriage (7:3-5)*

- the sacred duty of the spouse
- mutual authority in marriage
- interruptions in fulfilling one another’s needs

### *3. The profitability of singleness (7:6-7)*

- is Paul speaking for the Lord...or just giving an opinion?
- Paul’s status
- why singleness is beneficial
  - a. because of this \_\_\_\_\_ (7:25-26)
  - b. because of \_\_\_\_\_ (7:32-35)

### CONCLUSION