

**1 Corinthians 7:1-24**

**1** *Now concerning* the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

**2** *But because of* immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

**3** *The husband must* fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

**4** *The wife does not* have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

**5** *Stop depriving* one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

**6** *But this I say* by way of concession, not of command.

**7** *Yet I wish* that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

**8** *But I say* to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I.

**9** *But if they do not* have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

**10** *But to the married* I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband

**11** *(but if she does* leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

**12** *But to the rest* I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

**13** *And a woman* who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

**14** *For the unbelieving* husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

**15** *Yet if the unbelieving* one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

**16** *For how do you know,* O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

**17** *Only, as the Lord* has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.

**18** *Was any man* called when he was already circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised.

**19** *Circumcision is* nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.

**20** *Each man must* remain in that condition in which he was called.

**21** *Were you called* while a slave? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that.

**22** *For he who* was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ's slave.

**23** *You were bought* with a price; do not become slaves of men.

**24** *Brethren, each one* is to remain with God in that condition in which he was called.  
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