



1 Corinthians Chapter 7:1-40

1. (verses 1-2) In the opening verses we are told why Paul is writing this letter. What prompted Paul to write this letter to the Corinthians?

- 2a. (verses 3-4) What does Paul say about the husband and wife relationship?
Volume 6 page 512 (read section from page 504 as well)

- 2b. (verses 3-4) Paul states that the husband and wife have no power over their own body but their spouse has the power over their body. What does this mean and what is indicated by this? *Gen. 2:23; Eph. 5:22-23; Gen. 38:24-30; Deut. 23:2*

3. (verse 5) In the King James version the scripture states "defraud ye not one another." What is this referring to? What exception does the apostle give for this?

- 4a. (verses 6-9) In these verses Paul appears to be diverging and giving advice, not a commandment. Why do you suppose he is giving this advice and to whom specifically is the advice given? *Phil. 3:13*

- 4b. What is Paul's caveat concerning his advice and the practice of celibacy?
See Bible Comments; Reprint 5353; Gen. 2:18

5. (verses 10, 11) In these verses how much importance does Paul place on the covenant of marriage?
Matt. 19:6; 2 Sam. 12:10

6. (verses 12-14) Paul States that these next thoughts are his. Why does Paul give the advice that a consecrated brother or sister should stay with their unconsecrated spouse? *Vol. 6, page 533 - sub-heading "Else Were Your Children Unholy [Sinful, Condemned]"; Bible Comments verse 14*

7. (verse 15) Paul indicates that if the unconsecrated spouse leaves the marriage, the consecrated spouse is under no obligation to remain in the relationship. Why is this acceptable in the sight of God? And if acceptable, is the consecrated spouse able to remarry? *Matt. 19:9; Vol. 6, pages 505- 507*



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8. (verse 16) Paul appears to go back to his advice given in verses 12-14. What does he mean by “thou shalt save thy husband or wife”? *Prov. 11:30; Luke 15:10*

9. (verses 17-19) In these verses Paul discusses God’s calling to service and he poses questions that indicate the value of circumcision. What value does circumcision have on our calling? What should have the greatest weight in our consecration? *Gal. 5:6; Gal. 6:15; 1 John 2:3-4; 1 John 5:2-3*

10. (verses 17-19) From Paul’s discussion concerning circumcision, what changes should be made regarding our consecration? *Col. 3:11, Gal. 5:1-3, F227; R1526:5, Bible Comments*

11. (verses 20-24) In verses 20-21 explain the instruction Paul gives concerning service after consecration and what example does he use? *Rom. 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 4:17, Reprint 3721, Bible Comments*

12. (verses 20-24) In verses 23-24 Paul repeats from Chapter 6:20. What is his point here? And what must the New Creature remember about their consecration? *Col. 1:24, Rom. 8: 17, Gal. 3:26-29, Bible Comments*

13. (Verses 25-28) In these verses Paul is summarizing his thoughts on marriage. He makes clear 3 main points. What are they and please explain? *Vol.6 page 509; Bible Comments*

14. (verses 29-38) In these verses Paul homes in on the most important responsibility of the consecrated child of God and how they should accomplish it. Discuss/Explain each (Romans 12:1-9, 2 Peter 1:6-11, Philippians 4:5)
A - the time is short
B - although married behave as not married
C - be not as those who weep
D - Be not as those who rejoice
E - Not abusing the use of the world

15. (verse 36) Paul makes clear that one has a responsibility for their actions. Who specifically is Paul addressing here (man or woman)? Why? *See Bible Comments*

16. (verses 39-40) In Matthew 5:32 Jesus gives us the only condition for one to divorce and be free to marry another. However, in these verses Paul adds a condition and makes an important point. Explain. *See Bible Comments*