

Series:

When “I Do” Turns To “I Can’t”



God's Provision in your Marriage

I Corinthians 6:9-7:7

God's design for sexual intimacy is to demonstrate the depths of His love for us, by seeking to serve rather than to be served.



1 Corinthians 6:9-13

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. “Everything is permissible for me”, but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me but I won’t be mastered by anything. Food for the stomach and the stomach for food- but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:14-20

By His power God raised him from the dead and He will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of the Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh,” But he who unites himself to the Lord is one with Him in spirit.

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits is outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you , whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 7:1-4

Now for the matters you wrote about; It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone, but also to her husband, in the same way the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:5-7

Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I say this as a concession, not as a command. I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God, one has this gift, another has that.

The Teaching is Straight forward

- ✓ Marriage is a gift –as is celibacy. (v. 7)
- ✓ Marriage with sexual intercourse addresses a basic “need” in mankind. (v. 2)
- ✓ Sexual activity should be a regular part of marriage. (vv. 3-4)
- ✓ Abstinance from sexual activity should be for spiritual reasons only and by mutual consent. (v. 5a)
- ✓ Failure to follow this pattern opens us to temptation. (v. 6)

Song of Solomon 4:9-11

You have stolen my heart, my sister and my bride;
you have stolen my heart with one glance at your
eyes, with one jewel of your necklace. How
delightful is your love, my sister and my bride!
How much more pleasing than wine, and the
fragrance of your perfume than any spice! Your
lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride;
milk and honey are under your tongue.

Biblical Love in Marriage



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A self-seeking
relationship

Personal
Demands

Sex

*Man's Idea of "love"
is destined to failure*

True intimacy is the result of a humble,
servants heart

Philippians 2:3&4

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit, but in humility consider others better
than yourself. Each of you should not only look
after your own interests, but also the interests of
others

Only Then can we experience growing intimacy with our spouse.