

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:10-16  
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# *God, Sex & Your Marriage*

## *A Long-term Perspective on Your Sexual Ministry*

1. Think \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.10-11)

2. Trust \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12-13)

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.14-16)

1 Cor. 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup> To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. <sup>11</sup> But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup> To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. <sup>15</sup> But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. <sup>16</sup> How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. Amid the biblical discussion of sex in marriage, God now underscores in 1 Corinthians 7 the lifelong commitments upon which it is to be predicated. In what ways have you experienced the paradigm of "intimacy requiring security" in your everyday life? Inversely, how have temporary or insecure settings become an obstacle to personal vulnerability and genuine openness?

How do you think your sex life would be enhanced by a renewed emphasis of a *we're-partners-for-life* resolve?

2. In what fresh way might you express to your spouse this week the sentiment of your marital vows (...for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honor and cherish, till death do us part...)?
3. Every couple has some degree of dissimilarity. Even when the disparity is profound and the implications costly, God calls us to do our best to cultivate an intimate and personal bond. Many choose to focus on the differences more than the biblical goal of oneness. Write out a prayer that confesses any marital pessimism and express your desire to invest more words, attitudes and actions that will accentuate your unity.
4. How do you intend to edify and encourage your mate this week? In what way do you hope to be a blessing to your spouse?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*2Chron.19-20 & Ps.44-45*

**Monday**

*2Chron.21-22 & Ps.46-47*

**Tuesday**

*2Chron.23-25 & Ps.48-49*

**Wednesday**

*2Chron.26-28 & Ps.50-51*

**Thursday**

*2Chron.29-31 & Ps.52-53*

**Friday**

*2Chron.32-34 & Ps.54-55*

**Saturday**

*2Chron.35-36 & Ps.56-57*

*Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.*

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