



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Corinthians 7v1-24 – **Marriage**

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GETTING STARTED

As we think about the ‘weighty matters’ that Paul goes on to address in this chapter, what sort of things do we need to be aware of?

Do you expect this chapter to answer all the questions that you have? Think about how Paul begins this new section in v1...

1) SEX IS A ‘MUST’ WITHIN MARRIAGE (v1-6)

What does Paul say about sex in v2&3, and WHY does he say it? How does that link in with what we looked at in chapter 6?

Purity is Paul’s focus here, but what other reasons does the bible give for embracing the gift of sex within marriage?

Discuss the one exception that Paul speaks about in v5...

How do these things apply to you? This maybe one to talk about as couples!

2) MARRIAGE AND SINGLENESS ARE BOTH GIFTS FROM GOD (v7-24)

In what sense are marriage and singleness gifts?

What is the key principle that Paul wants all Christians to know about, whatever their current situation is? See v8, v10, v12, v17, v18, v20, v24

What specific things does Paul have to say to the 3 different groups of people he is addressing? Be aware, these are deep waters!

- Those who are single (most likely through bereavement) (v8-9)
- Those who are married to a Christian believer (v10-11)
- Those who are married to one who doesn't yet believe (v12-16)

How do you feel in light of what you have looked at? Do you need to talk to someone about those feelings?

What questions do you still have and how are you going to address those questions moving forward?

Meditate on the verse below...

Phil 4v12-13: *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*