



# 1 Corinthians 7v1-24

## MARRIAGE

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**1) An important subject**

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- 2) An **emotive** subject

# 1) Sex is a 'must' in marriage

V1: Now for the matters you wrote about: 'It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.'

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V2: But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.

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**V5:** Do not deprive each other except perhaps 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.

## **2) Marriage and Singleness are both gifts from God**

**V7:** I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

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**Mt 19v9:** 'I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.'

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- A word to those in mixed marriages (v12-16)

*‘While Paul teaches that a believer in a mixed marriage should stay within it, he recognises however that the unbeliever may decide to leave. If so, the Christian should not feel bound to fight to the bitter end. ‘God has called us to live in peace’ and sometimes, reluctantly, peace is best served by a sad, quiet acceptance of the determination of the departing husband or wife.’*



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- God the Spirit **Helps**

**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. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

