

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | Marriage and Our Maker
Feb 26, 2025 | “Divorce and Remarriage – Part 2”

- 1) God expects marriages to be _____ (1 Cor 7:1–7)
- 2) God expects singles to be _____ (1 Cor 7:8–9)
- 3) God expects pre-conversion marriages to be _____
(1 Cor 7:10–16)

So what do I do now?

If you are married, _____

If you are single, _____

If you are widowed, _____

If you are divorced with a scriptural exception, _____

If you are divorced without a scriptural exception, _____

If you are divorced without a scriptural exception and remarried,

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1–6. Why is the statement, “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman” in quotation marks in the ESV? Was this Paul’s policy for churches? Or was this a statement that the Corinthians had stated to Paul in prior written correspondence?

Why does God expect marriages to be non-celibate? How do 1 Corinthians 7:2–5 address this matter?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:7–16. What situations might have existed in Corinth after Paul planted the church, leading several people to Christ? Should a Christian married to a non-Christian view the marriage as legitimate? How should Christians respond if their non-Christian spouses divorce them?

GET PERSONAL

Why is Paul agonizing so much in 1 Corinthians over these scenarios involving marriage, singleness, widowhood, divorce, and remarriage? What mindset should we have towards marriage in light of what the Bible teaches? How should you view your marital status (single, married, widowed, divorced, remarried) in light of scripture?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:16. How might a believing spouse pray for an unbelieving spouse? Are there other ways that a believer might be used to bring an unbelieving spouse to faith in Christ? Should Christians marry unbelievers with a desire to evangelize them?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Divorce is extremely painful, even in instances where there is a biblical exception. How does a church care for those who have been through experiences like that? How does grace and forgiveness take place in the church? How does church discipline apply in instances where people choose sin instead of marital fidelity?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read 1 Corinthians 7:14. How is an unbelieving spouse “made holy” in a marriage? Does that mean that he or she is saved by the faith of the believing spouse? What about the children? How are they made holy? For help with this, read the following article at the Ligonier website:

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/the-unbelieving-spouse>.

Address another issue brought out in this article. Is 1 Corinthians 7:14 justification for baptizing infants?