

"MARRIAGE SCENARIOS"

I CORINTHIANS 7:8-16

I. UNMARRIED AND WIDOWS (7:8-9)

- A. The Advice Is Ultimately The Same For Each Group: Remain As You Are
- B. The Issue Regarding Singleness Wasn't So Much One Of Morality As It Was One Of Expediency And Personal Benefit (7:8)
- C. The Emphasis Is On The Decision Making Process: Don't Forget That Marriage Is Preferable To Being A Mental & Physical Fornicator (7:9)

II. CHRISTIAN COUPLES (7:10-11)

- A. The Wife Should Not Try To Separate / Divorce Her Husband (7:10)
- B. The Wife Is To Remain Unmarried If The Departure Has Already Occurred Or Occurs Despite The Directive (7:11a)
- C. The Wife Who Has Left Should Now Seek A Reconciliation To Her Husband (7:11b)
- D. The Husband Should Not Initiate Divorce Or Separation (7:11c)

III. MIXED MARRIAGES (7:12-16)

- A. The Marriage Should Continue If The Unbelieving Partner Is Still Willing (7:12-13)
- B. The Sanctification Of The Unsaved Partner & Children (7:14)
- C. The Believing Partner's Options If The Unbelieving Partner Is Unwilling (7:15-16)