

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

One Point: Principles for the Passion of Marriage and the Pursuit of God

1. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
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Read v. 1-9

1. What principles can we learn about God and marriage? (1 Cor 6:19-20, Gal 2:20)
 2. How does verse five's reference to prayer add to our understanding about a biblical marriage?
 3. How does Paul's idea about singleness impact one's pursuit of God and relationships with a spouse? (1 Peter 4:1)
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Read v. 10-16

1. If we are not to marry an unbeliever, should we even date them?
 2. What does Paul mean that unbelieving spouses are "sanctified" through their spouse? (1 Peter 3:1-2)
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Read v. 17-24

1. Why does Paul shift to discussing one's calling in the middle of writing about marriage?
 2. How does Paul's comment about circumcision and slavery relate to contentment in one's calling?
 3. How can you apply these principles that Paul teaches about marriage to our lives this week?
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What I will be talking about

The new Christians at Corinth had questions about how marriage applied to them and their relationship with God. They wrote to Paul, who planted the church, to ask for direction. In response, Paul challenged married and single Christians, both from a Greek and Jewish background. In chapter seven, we learn that no matter the circumstance, our calling is to pursue God wholeheartedly. When the Christian encounters the brokenness of fallen relationships in a fallen world, they must respond to situations with Christ's truth and tenderness.