

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."

² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. ⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Sex, Singleness and Marriage: What is God Doing?

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Marriage is good.

- Our desire for relationship (intimacy) is from God.
- Marriage was designed by God and is a uniquely intimate relationship.
- Marriage is designed to help us experience and express Christ's love.
- Marriage doesn't always feel like a gift.

Singleness is good.

- God's gift for some.
- Allows less hindered devotion to God.
- Offers greater freedom for promoting the gospel.
- Singleness doesn't usually feel like a gift.

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