# 1 Corinthians 7-8

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## 1 Let Each Man Have His Own Wife

**1 Corinthians 7:1–9**

- Because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.
- Do not deprive one another, except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer.
- Each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.
- If they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it's better to marry than to burn with passion.

## 2 A Wife Is Not to Depart From Her Husband

**1 Corinthians 7:10–16**

- Now to the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, a wife is not to depart from her husband.
- And a husband is not to divorce his wife.
- If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.
- If an unbeliever departs, let him depart. A brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.
- How do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband?

## 3 Remain in the Same Calling in Which He Was Called

**1 Corinthians 7:17–24**

- As God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk.
- Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing. But keeping the commandments of God is what matters.
- He who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise, he who is called while free is Christ slave.
- You were bought at a price. Do not become slaves of men.

## 4 Concerning Virgins: The Time Is Short

**1 Corinthians 7:25–40**

- Even if you do marry you have not sinned, and if the virgin marries, she has not sinned.
- The time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as those who had none.
- He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord, but he who is married cares about the things of the world, how he may please his wife.

- Not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, that you may serve the Lord without distraction.
- A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives. But if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes only in the Lord.

## 5 Things Offered to Idols: Knowledge Puffs Up, Love Edifies

**1 Corinthians 8:1–13**

- Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.
- For us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
- Food does not commend us to God, for neither if we eat are we better, nor if we do not eat will we be worse.
- Beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.
- When you thus sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
- If food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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