

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures.

Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read through chapter 7 completely. What are your general thoughts on the chapter? How do you see this as different than Paul's other letters?
2. What did you learn about the Corinthian culture?
3. What did you learn about the Corinthian church?
4. What did you learn about chapter 7 that you didn't know or understand before?
5. What would you like to learn or apply as we study this chapter?

### MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS SERIES

*1Cor. 7:17 Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.*



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### TWO THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. Whether married or single, be committed to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Whether married or single, be \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Cor. 7:17 Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. . . .*

### IN COMING TO THIS PASSAGE, PLEASE NOTE THAT . . .

*1Cor. 7:1 Now for the matters you wrote about: . . .*

1. A casual reading of chapters 7 through 11 can be very \_\_\_\_\_ and frustrating. Our church and culture is much \_\_\_\_\_ that than of the Corinthians. (*This is true of all Scripture but it seems particularly so in this part of the letter.*)
2. Understand that Paul is responding to \_\_\_\_\_ that had been addressed in a \_\_\_\_\_ to him. The questions concerned the following (somewhat) unusual topics:
  - a. Marriage, \_\_\_\_\_ and sexuality.
  - b. Eating \_\_\_\_\_ that had been sacrificed to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. The “\_\_\_\_\_” of believers and Christian leaders.
  - d. Learning from the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.
  - e. Participating in “idol \_\_\_\_\_”.

f. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian freedom.

g. The purposes of \_\_\_\_\_.

h. How to properly \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Communion.

3. Translation of these chapters is \_\_\_\_\_ as we don't know exactly what was said in the Corinthian's \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Cor. 7:1 Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. (NIV1984)*

*1Cor. 7:1 Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." (NIV2011)*

### THE LITERARY CONTEXT

1. Chapter 7 begins the \_\_\_\_\_ section of 1 Corinthians and the tone of the book changes from combative to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Paul writes \_\_\_\_\_ in this section than in \_\_\_\_\_ of his other writings. He shares his views and thoughts as guidelines. (Verses 6, 8, 25, 26, 40)

*1Cor. 7:10 To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband.*

*1Cor. 7:12 To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): . . .*

3. Paul's discussion of marriage and singleness alternates between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 12 times, and in each case, the genders are \_\_\_\_\_.

### THE CONTEXT OF THE CHURCH

1. The Christian Jews were saying that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ be married. "*If you're not married, you \_\_\_\_\_ go to heaven!*"

2. The Greeks were teaching that a person who wants to be truly \_\_\_\_\_ to God should remain or become \_\_\_\_\_ and devote themselves totally to God. Celibacy had become somewhat of a fad or a "show of \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness".

### THE CONTEXT OF THE SOCIETY

1. Sexual immorality was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ common.

2. Persecution of Christians was beginning and was about to become \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Cor. 7:29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. . . .*

3. Marriage laws and customs were \_\_\_\_\_ depending on your station in life. You could be married in the following ways:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ marriage — Usually wealthier people were able to hold a \_\_\_\_\_ celebration. (*Many of our wedding traditions today come from the early Roman empire.*)

b. Common law — If a couple lived together for \_\_\_\_\_, they were considered married.

c. A father \_\_\_\_\_ his daughter — This could happen when a woman was sought after and her father needed \_\_\_\_\_. There was little \_\_\_\_\_ involved.

d. Slave assignment — A slave \_\_\_\_\_ could determine that two of his slaves should cohabit and produce \_\_\_\_\_. He could also then sell one or both of them and they would start over as \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere.

*Eccl. 2:7 I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me.*

### THE BREAKDOWN OF CHAPTER 7

1. vv. 1-7 — To the married: \_\_\_\_\_ married and enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has designed for you.

2. vv. 8-9 — To the divorced and \_\_\_\_\_: it is good to remain unmarried, but you also have the right to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. vv. 10-16 — To the married, when one partner is an \_\_\_\_\_: stay married if \_\_\_\_\_.

4. vv. 17-24 — To \_\_\_\_\_: learn to be \_\_\_\_\_ where God has placed you \_\_\_\_\_.

5. vv. 25-40 — To the \_\_\_\_\_: it is \_\_\_\_\_ to remain unmarried, but it is also \_\_\_\_\_ to marry.

### APPLICATION

1. Work to \_\_\_\_\_ your relationships now before they become \_\_\_\_\_ that you can't resolve.

2. If you have questions, list them on your eCard and I will respond to them by video each week.