

# Paul on Marriage

1 Corinthians 7.1-16

## Introduction:

Interpersonal unity can be especially deep in the human family and also in our spiritual family, the church. Between men and women, interpersonal unity comes to its fullest expression in this age in marriage, where husband and wife become, in a sense, two persons in one... This unity is not only a physical unity; it is also a spiritual and emotional unity of profound dimensions... The union between husband and wife is not temporary but lifelong (Mal. 2:14–16; Rom. 7:2), and it is not trivial but is a profound relationship created by God in order to picture the relationship between Christ and his church (Eph. 5:23–32). Grudem

## 1. Celibacy vs. Marriage.

1. "It is good for a man not to touch a woman."
2. Celibacy is a gift from the Lord but not for everyone.

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**1 Corinthians 7:26**

**Genesis 2:18**

**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**Matthew 19:4-6**

## 2. Instruction to the Unmarried.

- a) Who are they?

**1 Corinthians 7:34**

### **1 Corinthians 7:10-11**

- b) Stay single (but not required).

### **3. Instruction to the Christian Couple.**

- a) The married (both believers).

- b) Stay married.

### **Matthew 19:1-12**

### **Malachi 2:16**

### **4. Instruction to the Mixed Couple.**

- a) The rest (only one is a believer).

- b) Stay married, if possible.

### **Romans 11.14**

### **1 Peter 3:1**

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