



7 Principles for a Godly Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Introduction

Marriage is a sacred institution designed by God for the love and intimacy of a husband and wife, united in a covenant sealed by vows and intended to last a lifetime.

Hedonism – Pleasure is the highest good and proper aim of life. False!

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

1. Learn to _____
not in the flesh.

v. 1 – Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”; Galatians 5:22-23

| <u>The Fruit of the Spirit</u> | Versus | <u>The fruit of our flesh</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Love | | Selfish |
| Joy | | Unhappy |
| Peace | | Anxious |
| Patience | | Impatient |
| Kindness | | Unkind |
| Goodness | | Not good |
| Faithfulness | | Not faithful |
| Gentleness | | Harsh |
| Self-control | | Out of control |

2. Make intimacy a _____.

v. 2 – But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.

v. 3 – The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise, the wife to her husband.

3. _____ to one another.

v. 4 – The wife does not have authority over her own body, but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but yields it to his wife.

4. _____ for daily quality conversations.

v. 5 – Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- '20 Minutes a Day'

A. Be an _____ listener.

B. Be _____, not hurtful.
 Ephesians 4:29

C. Affirm _____.

5. _____ your marriage and your mate.

v. 7 – But each of you has your own gift from God.
 Proverbs 14:1

6. Remember what you _____.

v. 12 – if any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her.

v. 13 – And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him.
 Ecclesiastes 5:4-6

7. _____ to your mate.

v. 16 – How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?