

# Studies in First Corinthians

## NT Survey Lesson 93--1 Corinthians 7

**Introduction:** This chapter indicates that Paul had received some inquiries from the church at Corinth about marriage. In this chapter Paul sets forth the teaching of Christ about marriage, divorce, and remarriage. In addition he expresses his judgment about the advisability of marriage due to what he calls "the present distress".

**Lesson aim:** To teach the proper application of the marriage law of Christ.

### **Paul suggests that it would be good not to marry--1 Cor. 7:1-7**

1. Did Paul say it was wrong for people to get married?
2. Getting married would keep people from committing what sin?
3. T F Husbands and wives may use their bodies to please the one to whom they are scripturally married.
4. A husband and wife may agree for each to spend time alone for what purpose?
5. What did Paul encourage the unmarried and widows to do?
6. If the unmarried and widows did not have the self-control to avoid fornication, what should they do?
7. What does the Lord require of those that are married?
8. If married people sin by divorcing, what does Paul urge them to do? What sin would result if they did not heed this teaching? (See Mt. 19:9)
9. What did Paul tell believers who were married to unbelievers not to do?
10. If the unbeliever departs, the believers is \_\_\_\_\_ in such cases. Does this mean the believer may remarry?

## **Paul urges the Corinthians to remain in the state they were when called by the Lord--1 Cor. 7:17-24**

1. T F Sinners who have been called to the Lord should remain in the state they are even if it is not wrong.
2. T F Sinners who have been called to the Lord should remain in a sinful marriage.
3. If one were called a slave, would it be wrong for him to remain a slave?
4. If a slave could be made free, should he seek to be free?

## **Advice concerning those never married (virgins)--1 Cor. 7:25-38**

1. Did the Lord command virgins not to marry? Did Paul think it was best?
2. What reasons did Paul give to advising virgins not to marry?
3. If a father wanted to keep his daughter a virgin and she was able to do so, would it be wrong?
4. If a man's virgin daughter wanted to marry, would it be wrong for the father to give her to a man in marriage?

## **Advice to widows--1 Cor. 7:39-40**

1. How long are husband and wife bound to each other?
2. If one's husband or wife dies, is that person free to marry another? Can she marry anyone?
3. What does Paul think would best for the Christian widow if possible?