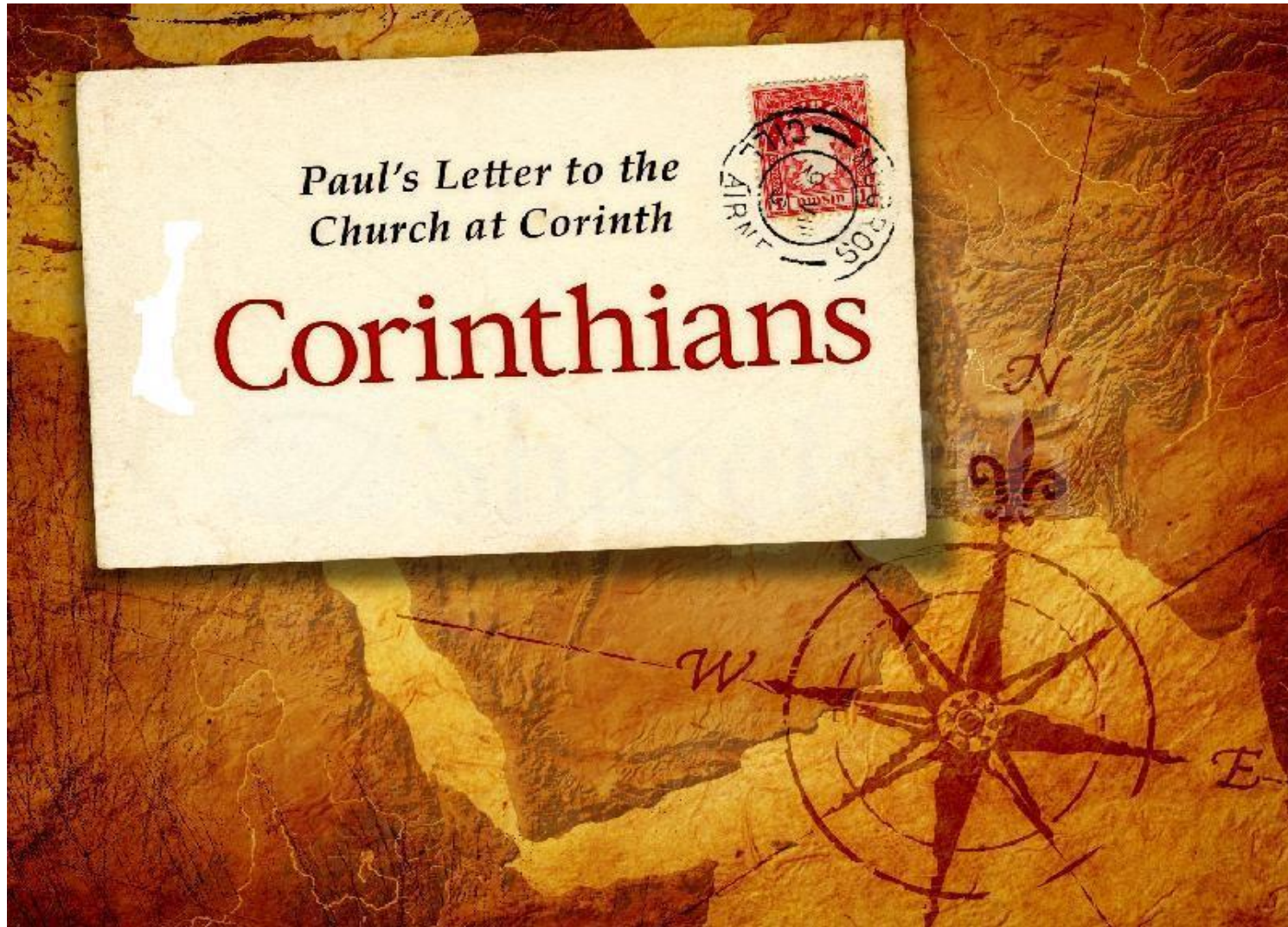


1 Cor. 7:1-5 Teaching Concerning Marriage



Remainder of 1 Corinthians



- The remainder of the body of this epistle deals with questions the Corinthians had put to Paul in a letter.*
- Paul introduced each of these with the phrase:*
now concerning - *de peri*
- 1 Corinthians 7:1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.
- 1 Corinthians 7:25 Now concerning virgins (marriageable maidens) I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

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- 1 Cor 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.
- 1 Cor 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
- 1 Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.
- 1 Cor 16:12 But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all his desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

Today's Outline*



General Teaching Concerning Marriage 7:1-7

1. Staying Single and Getting Married 7:1-2
 - a. Staying Single – God's Plan 7:1
 - b. Getting Married – God's Plan 7:2
2. Obeying God Within Marriage 7:3-7
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* adapted from McCalley

1 Cor 6:12-20 Warning Against Immorality – part 1



- Two phrases are the focus of these verses:
“the believer’s body” and “sexual immorality”

^{13b} Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.

- The believer’s body is not to be used for immorality.
- The believer’s body is to be used for the Lord.
- The Lord has saved and sanctified and will raise our bodies.

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!

- The your bodies are members of Christ.
- Take our members from Christ and make them members of a prostitute – God forbid!

1 Cor 6:12-20 Warning Against Immorality – part 2



- Two phrases are the focus of these verses: “the believer’s body” and “sexual immorality”

^{18b} But the immoral man sins against his own body.

- This happens when you give your members to a prostitute.

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

- The Holy Spirit indwells every believer - a grace gift from God.
- You belong to God – your His child!

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

- Christ death on the cross was the required as the price

Today's Verses



- 1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.
- 2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.
- 3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.
- 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.
- 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

¹ Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

Now concerning “the things” about which you wrote

- This apparently is referencing a letter that the Corinthians wrote to Paul.
- Also we see in 1 Cor 5:1a It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, ---

it is good for a man not to touch a woman

- appears to be a quote from this letter to Paul
- To "touch a woman" is a euphemism for sexual relations,
- Gen 20:6 Then God said to him (Abimelech) in the dream, -- I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her (Sarah).

¹ Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

it is good for a man not to touch a woman - conti

- good – *kalos* - advantageous, expedient, profitable
- good is a subject complement that describes the condition of the man who is avoiding this temptation
- So being single for a Christian is not having sexual relation – ideal lifestyle?
- But what about Gen 2:18 --- "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
- Gen 1:28a God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth,
- Paul will now explain God's plan for marriage.

² But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

each man is to have his own wife

lit: each man let him have his own wife

subject: each man

verb: let him have (present, imperative, active)

lit: let him go on having

- pointing to continuous action and continuous obligation

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direct object: his own wife (unique to him)

(Gen 2:24 --- a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.)

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each woman is to have her own husband

the same points can be made about the wife:

- each woman let her have her own husband
- *let her go on having* - pointing to continuous action and continuous obligation – permanent relationship
- her own husband – of herself
- The concept of monogamy is found in the words *his own* and *her own*.

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² But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

But because of the temptation to impurity and to avoid immorality,

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- marriage union is given to guard against immoralities
- marriage is also a picture of Christ and the Church and other truths about our relationship with Christ

immoralities - *porneia* - fornication, lewdness, or any sexual sin

- 1 Cor 5:1a It is actually reported that there is immorality among you
- 1 Cor 6:18 Flee immorality. --- the immoral man sins against his own body.

³ The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife.

verb - must fulfill – *apodidōmi* - to give or to do something necessary in fulfillment of an obligation or expectation or to render - see verse - (present, imperative)

- Matt 22:21b --- Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."
- The word *fulfill* is a Greek word that means *to pay a bill or a debt*. It is in present tense, meaning that the obligation is continuous and thus constantly being fulfilled. McCalley
- What duty is spoken of in this context?

³ The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife

direct object - his duty – *opheilē* - that which is owned; obligation, a service which one owes someone

- Rom 13:7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.
- Gal 5:13c --- but through love serve one another

The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights (goodwill, kindness, and what is due her as his wife).

Amplified

³ The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

and likewise also the wife to her husband

likewise - *homoios* - in like manner; to do likewise

therefore the verse says the same to wife:

- The wife must fulfill her duty to her husband present tense - constantly being fulfilled.
- Since the husband and wife are one flesh in the Lord this mutual duty is not to be a burden but a blessing.
- Gal 5:13c --- but through love serve one another

⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

- Paul will now point out since the two (husband and wife) have become one flesh the following will be true of them under grace

The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*

authority - to have or exercise power; meaning that one has no separate power or liberty over his own body to use it as he will

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

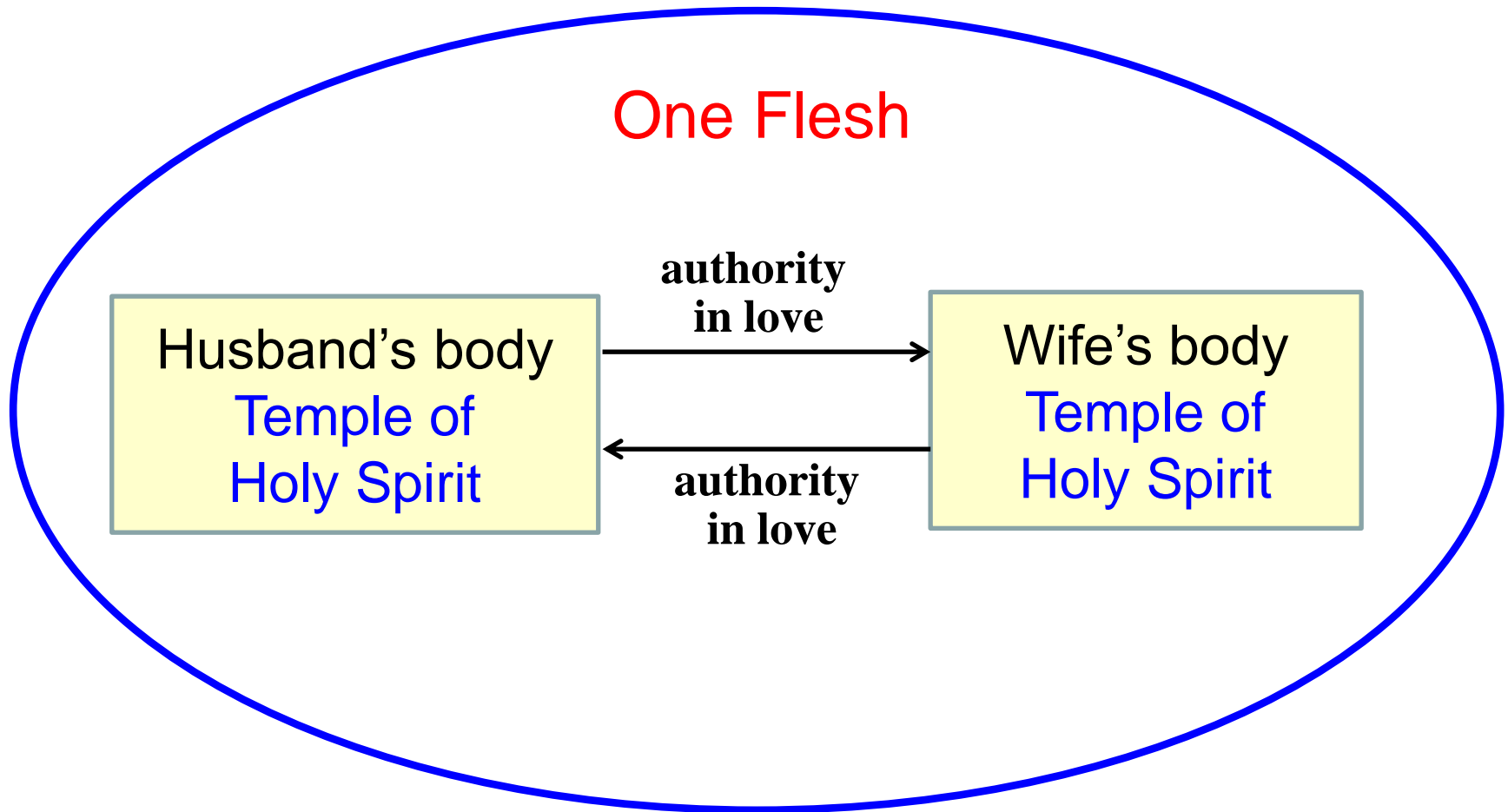
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That the obligations of marriage are mutual is conveyed by the word *likewise*, which links the husband and wife together in their duties. McCalley

The earnest supplication (by Paul) is for a daily life which corresponds to the wonderful fact that they are *already* temples of the Holy Spirit. Chafer

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.



5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time,
so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come
together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of
your lack of self-control.

1st Stop depriving one another

- present tense - assumes the action is already ongoing
- **stop depriving** - to deprive, wrong, or defraud another of
what belongs to him (imperative)
- What are you depriving each other of? – your time, your
attention, your help, your intimate interaction etc.

2nd - except by agreement

agreement - the Greek word is our word *symphony*, which
means *one harmonious voice*. McCalley

- You both agree this is the best course of action.

⁵ Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

3rd (except) for a time

- must be for a limited time
- should not be open ended

4th so that you may devote yourselves to prayer

- **so that** – with a purpose that
- **may devote yourselves** - lit: "to have time or opportunity for, to be occupied in," – both husband & wife
- **to prayer** - Luke 6:12b He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.
- take time with the Lord to examine and reflect on your own personal condition (with Christ)

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⁵ Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

5th - and come together again - but afterwards resume marital relations Amplified

- must result in restoration of marital relationships

6th - so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control

- so that – with a purpose that
- Satan will not tempt you – a solicitation to sin (*peirazo*)
- because of your lack of self-control
- The separation would involve sexual abstinence and open up the potential for temptation and resultant sin.

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Final Thoughts*



I. Teaching Concerning Marriage

Staying Single – God’s plan – abstinence from sexual relations

Getting Married – God’s plan – be fruitful and multiply

- Marriage Is Intended to Be a Permanent Relationship
- Marriage Is Intended to Be a Monogamous Relationship

II. Obeying God Within Marriage

The Married Must Consider Their Mutual Indebtedness

The Married Must Consider Their Surrender of Independence
(One Flesh)

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Final Thoughts*



The Married Should Avoid Separation

- The Separation Must Be by Mutual Consent
- The Separation Must Be for a Limited Time
- The Separation Time Must Be Devoted to Prayer
- The Separation Must Eventuate in Reunion
- The Separation Must Be Seen as Having Dangerous Potential

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