

## Marriage Divorce and Relationships Part 6

### Matthew 19:10-11

10 The disciples \*said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry." 11 But He said to them, "Not all men can accept this statement, but only those to whom it has been given.

### 1 Corinthians 7:7-8

7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that **it is good for them** if they remain even as I.

### 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

32 But I want you to be **free from concern**.

**One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;**

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, **is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit;** but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 **This I say for your own benefit;** not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate **and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.**

### **1 Corinthians 7:26-28**

26 I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that **it is good for a man to remain as he is.** 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? **Do not seek a wife.** 28 But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. **Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.**

### **1 Corinthians 6:17-18**

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

### **Romans 8:5-14**

5 For those who are **according** to the flesh **set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who are **according** to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the **mind set** on the flesh is death, but the **mind set** on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

8 and those **who are in the flesh** cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, (*His mind set*) though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of **righteousness.** 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live **according** to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit **you are putting to death the deeds of the body,** you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### **Galatians 5:24-25**

24 Now those **who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

### **James 1:13-15**

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 **But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.** 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Four keys points:

1. We are to be walking in a spiritual mind-set, not a fleshy mind-set.
2. Our approach is to be a moral one, not an immoral one.
3. We are to be conscience and take the appropriate action to avoid temptation.
4. We are to control ourselves from being carried and enticed by our own lust.

Some wise perquisites:

1. We want any relationship, a dating relationship, to be with a person who is called, or is showing clear indications of that calling and is genuinely responding, which can take time.
2. Also, that both people understand that this 'dating', is not 'dating' as the world defines it. It is solely with a view to getting married.

**1 Corinthians 7:1-2**

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.

**Romans 8:6** For the mind set on the flesh **is death**, but the mind set on the Spirit **is life and peace**,

**Ephesians 5:5**

5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34**

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 34 Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.