

# GROWING KINGDOM FAMILIES

## “So What Do We Do Now?”

### Sermon Notes 14

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Series: Growing **Kingdom** Families

Text: 1 Corinthians **7:1-40**

Subject: **Marriage**

Title: **“So What Do We Do Now?”**

Notes:

- We examined Matthew **19** for the last two weeks where Jesus affirmed God’s divine plan for **Marriage**.
- **Divorce** was never commanded, commended, or condoned.
- Rather, it was only permitted by Moses because of the **“Hardness of your hearts.”**
- 1 **Corinthians** 7 is Paul’s commentary of Jesus’ teaching on marriage and divorce.
- In Corinth, **Immorality** and **Idolatry** were rampant.
- To *Corinthianize* meant to commit **Sexual** sin.
- People in Corinth were involved in **Homosexuality**, **Polygamy**, and concubinage. Their relationships were messed up.
- As individuals began to be saved out of this sinful culture, a common question must have been, **“What do we do Now?”**
- We will look at **Six** questions Paul answered.

#### 1. **Is Celibacy More Spiritual Than Marriage—7:1-7**

- a. **Truths** About Celibacy (Singleness)
  - i. Celibacy can be a **Good** thing—v. 1
  - ii. Celibacy is a **Hard** thing—v. 2
  - iii. Celibacy is not a **Married** thing—vv. 3-5
  - iv. Celibacy is a **Gift** thing—vv. 6-7

#### 2. **Should The Formerly Married Remarry--7:8-9**

- a. Three Categories of **Single** People
  - i. **Wisdom**--v. 8
  - ii. **Virgins**--v. 25
  - iii. **Divorce**
- b. Should The **Unmarried** Remarry?
  - i. v. 8—**“it is good for them to Remain as I am”**
  - ii. v. 9—**“but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them Married”**

#### 3. **What Are The Options For Those Who Are Married--7:10-16**

- a. To The Christians Married To **Christians**
  - i. Stay **Married**
  - ii. If you do depart (divorce), **neither party** is **Free** to remarry
- b. To The Christians Married To **Unbelievers**
  - i. Do not **Divorce** the unbeliever if he/she is willing to stay
  - ii. v. 15—**“but if the unbeliever departs, Let him depart”**
  - iii. In God’s sight the bond between a husband and wife is dissolved only by death (Rom. 7:2), adultery (Mt. 19:9), and an unbeliever’s departing (1 Cor. 7:15)

#### 4. **Now That I Am Saved, What Should Change?—7:17-24**

- a. The Principle of **Contentment**
- b. Should my marital **Status** change because I am saved? No!

#### 5. **Should Those Never Married Marry?—7:25-38**

- a. Five Reasons To Stay **Single**
  - i. The present **Distress**--v. 26
  - ii. The problems of the **Flesh**--v. 28
  - iii. The passing of the **World**--v. 29
  - iv. The preoccupation of the **Married**--vv. 32-34
  - v. The permanence of the **Union**--vv. 39-40
- b. However, One Has Not **Sinned** if he/she Marries—v. 28

#### 6. **Are Widows Free To Remarry—7:39-40**

- a. Yes, But Only In The **Lord**--v. 39