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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Caring Enough to Correct"

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Marital Responsibilities"
1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Marital Responsibilities

We have now reached a turning point in our study of Paul's 1st epistle to the Corinthians. It seems apparent, as we shall see tonight, that the church at Corinth had a number of questions they desired to ask of Paul. Thus, it seems that a letter detailing these questions was delivered to Paul, possibly by some members of the household of Chloe. However, in so delivering the letter, it also seems that the members of the household of Chloe took the time to inform Paul of some problems that were present in the church—1 Cor.1:11.

Thus, Paul in the first 6 chapters of 1st Corinthians seems to be addressing the concerns of contentions which existed in the church. Having concluded this, Paul now, in chapter 7, turns his attention to a series of questions that the church had written about in their letter. Chapter 7 begins this section of 1st Corinthians and it is probably the most controversial chapter in the book and one of the most in the entire NT.

In recent years, liberal scholars and preachers have used this chapter to teach what is known as the "Pauline Privilege." In essence, the "Pauline Privilege" is stated to teach a more comprehensive view of marriage, divorce and remarriage. Primarily, that Paul here in chapter 7, provides a less restrictive view of when one may divorce and remarry than does Jesus in Mt.19:9. Is such an exception to Jesus teaching on divorce and remarriage found in this passage or not? We shall seek to answer this question as we begin this detailed look of 1 Cor.7.

A man in Coventry, England called the Citizen's Advice Bureau and asked to have his wife tracked down. Apparently, it turned out that he and his wife had departed from one another 3 days after their marriage 25 years ago and had not seen each other since. Asked whether he was thinking of getting a divorce the man responded by saying, "Oh no, I was just thinking that it would be nice to get together to celebrate our silver wedding anniversary." This unfortunately is an all too common description of marriages in our day and time.

Many get married thinking that everything is going to be just wonderful. They many times stand before a preacher and promise to love and support one another no matter what, til death do them part. They go on their honeymoon and everything is wonderful, until they get home and reality sets in. There are others, however, that get married with that expectation that everything is going to be wonderful as well. However, just like the others, they soon learn that marriage is not the idealic relationship they thought it would be. However, instead of letting this reality tear them a part, they work even harder to make their marriages strong, thus honoring their spouses and God as it should be.

In our lesson today, we shall consider one of the ways that Paul says married couples can honor one another and keep their marriage strong. We will simply call it managing marital relationships. Thus, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Paul structures this epistle to deal with the problem of fornication in Corinth and then moves immediately into their mistaken idea that it was good to abstain from marital relations with ones' spouse. In doing so, Paul addresses 2 themes: marital relations—7:1-2 and marital responsibilities in regard to marital relations—7:3-7.

Marital relations, as Paul will show, are not a tool to be wielded in the marriage relationship by one party to gain power over the other. They are a blessing to be enjoyed by both spouses in the only relationship in which relations are sanctioned and blessed by God. So let us hear what Paul has to teach on this important subject.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 77
Sunday AM: 137
Sunday PM: 68
Wednesday PM: 64
Contribution: \$4761
Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Psalms 31:14-15

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Crystal Jones: 06.07
Greg Dowdy: 06.09
Nora Cate Craft: 06.10

Anniversaries

Greg & Stephanie Dowdy: 06.06
Dean & Jane Newman: 06.10
Kenny & Sharon Simmons: 06.10

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Gary & Marcia Ridenour
Ushers: Randy Seabaugh/Leonard Fulbright
A/V: Nate Crowden
Nursery: Christi Crowden
Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs
Head Lord's Table: Larry Dowdy
Scripture: Phil Swiney
Prayers:
AM: Steve Simmons/Dale Gilliland
PM: Eric Craft/Jeff Garland

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Devo: Josh Pappas
"Walk in the Spirit"
Prayer: Doug Lester

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Chronological Bible Reading

June 4: Proverbs 4-6
June 5: Proverbs 7-9
June 6: Proverbs 10-12
June 7: Proverbs 13-15
June 8: Proverbs 16-18
June 9: Proverbs 19-21
June 10: Proverbs 22-24

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family, Esther Beck (cancer), **Bill Dillman** (Marcia Ridenour's dad), **Newt & Kay Gilliland**, **Jalonda Harris** (Dan & Ruby Silvers' daughter-in-law), **Allen & Juanita Hedge**, **Sonny Huskey** (Jack's dad), **Francis & Diana Ivanovich**, **Betty Jones**, **Scott Lanpher** (Barbara's son), **Carolyn Neese**, **Brent Newton** (eye hemorrhage), **Mary Jo Parker** (Barbara Brown's sister—Cancer), **Martha Riehn** (Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law—chemo), **Sandra Shell** (Kathy Green's niece—health), **Susan Seabaugh**, **Steve Simmons**, **Chris Weaver**

Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** was taken to Mercy Hospital in St. Louis for surgery on Friday as they were not able to safely perform the procedure locally. Please continue praying for Chris as well as **Kelly & Trudy Garland** as they try to help as much as possible.
- **Jerry Ward** had quadruple bypass surgery on Wednesday. The surgery was successful and he is recovering at Southeast Hospital. His activities will be very limited for the next three months.
- **Tim Corzine** was able to return home last week and is continuing to recover well.
- **Melissa Brown** is doing well and will see her doctor again on Tuesday. She hopes to be released to drive again at that time.
- **Mike Brown**, a friend of the Watson family, had a stroke on Saturday. He is recovering well and returned to his home near Knoxville, Tennessee on Wednesday to begin therapy.

Sympathy

- Please be in prayer for the Lanpher and Huskey families as Barbara's oldest daughter and Jennifer's sister, **Karen Keene**, passed away tragically and unexpectedly on Wednesday night from a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Visitation will be on **Wednesday** from 4-6pm at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance with the funeral following at 6pm.

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Napkins**
- Postcards are still available on the entryway table to share and promote our upcoming **Wednesday Summer Series**. Please pick up a few today and invite a friend! You may mail the postcards yourself, or drop them back in the office and we'll stamp and mail them for you.
- Our **Summer Series** will begin this coming Wednesday. As a reminder, everyone will meet in the auditorium at 7:00pm for a short time of singing and announcements. Children in 6th grade and younger will then be dismissed to classes. We will have a different guest speaker each week focusing our lessons on The Fruit of the Spirit.
- The **CFS Timothy Campaign** is coming to a close in just a few weeks. Please finish filling your cans and return them to the office by **June 18**. Remember: Your small change can make a big difference for the families and children CFS serves!
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Kelsey Martin** on **Sunday, June 25** following morning services. Lunch will be provided. Kelsey and Joseph Berryman are registered at Target and Amazon and are planning an August 12 wedding.

Elder/Deacon Selection

- As we continue the process of selecting additional elders and deacons, please pray for wisdom in making decisions. Please also talk with any men you would like to nominate before submitting their names. Names of willing men who meet these qualifications (for elders and deacons) may be submitted to any current deacon until this **Sunday, June 4**.

