

"Different Marriage Scenarios" (1 Corinthians 7:8-16)

- I. THE CALLING AND BENEFITS OF BEING A SAINT" (1:1-9)
- II. A CALL FOR UNITY (1:10-31)
- III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WISDOM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:1-16)
- IV. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WISDOM (2:14 – 4:21)
- V. ADDRESSING ISSUES (5:1-6:20)
- VI. ANSWERING QUESTIONS (7:1-16)

A. Marriage (7:1-40)

1. Preliminary Information:

* In verses 8–16 Paul applies marriage principles to four groups of believers:

- (1) those who are formerly married;
- (2) those who are married to believers;
- (3) those who are married to unbelievers and who want to remain married; and
- (4) those who are married to unbelievers and who want to leave the marriage

2. Unmarried and Widows:

- a. The term _____ indicates those who were previously married but are not widows; people who are now single but are not virgins.
- b. Paul recommends that they remain _____, claiming this is _____

3. Married Believers:

- a. To the married saved, Paul mentions that what Christ taught on divorce is still _____
- b. In Matthew 19, Jesus states God's _____
- c. God's will is that the marriage _____ intact
- d. If a divorce happens, the parties are to remain _____ or be _____

4. Mixed Marriages:

- a. Paul gives principles that the Lord _____ taught on

b. If the _____ spouse wants to _____, do not _____ them

c. The reasons include:

* The believing spouse _____ the unbelieving spouse

* If the unbelieving spouse divorces, you are _____

* Another reason for allowing an unwilling partner to leave is that God has called His people to _____

* Another reason to remain married is the potential of _____ for the unbelieving spouse

*How does this apply to you?