

# "Remaining Married through Thick & Thin"

## I Corinthians 7:10-17

Introduction:

**\* Accept God's will for the life of your marriage!**

- I. **Observe what Jesus taught about REMAINING MARRIED (IN GENERAL) (v.10-11)**
  - A. **Do not Depart (v.10)**
  - B. **Do not Divorce (v.11)**  
[If you do separate, remain unmarried so reconciliation is possible - v.11]
  
- II. **Observe what Paul taught about REMAINING MARRIED IN A MIXED MARRIAGE (a believer & non-believer) (v.12-17)**
  - A. **If your unbelieving spouse desires you, REMAIN FAITHFULLY MARRIED (v.12-14)**

Two reasons to stay married to an unbelieving spouse:

    1. Do it for the unbeliever's sake (v.14a)
    2. Do it for the children's sake (v.14b)
  - B. **If your unbelieving spouse deserts you, ALLOW FREEDOM TO LEAVE (v.15-17)**

Why "let him/her depart"?

    1. You are not under "bondage" if he/she leaves you (v.15)
    2. You are not sure if you can save your spouse (v.16)
    3. You need to put the situation in God's hands and trust Him (v.17)