



# The Gospel & Relationships

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***THE APOSTLE PAUL IN 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-16 BRINGS THE GOSPEL TO BEAR ON THE RELATIONSHIP AT THE CENTER OF A MARRIAGE. HOW IS A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE DIFFERENT FROM A NON-CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE? WHAT ARE ITS CORE PRINCIPLES, INNER RESOURCES, AND LARGER PURPOSE IN GOD'S PLAN?***

**READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-16.**

1. How do these two statements from the Corinthian congregation reflect different distortions of the gospel message (1 Corinthians 6:12a & 7:1)? (see Romans 6:1-2; Colossians 2:20-23)
2. According to the Bible, what makes a marriage uniquely Christian? (see Ephesians 5:21-33).
3. How might these words of Paul be revolutionary in terms of the culture of his day (1 Corinthians 7:3-4)? (see Romans 14:7-8)
4. How important is the time you spend in prayer with your spouse (if married) to your marriage's health and spiritual protection (1 Corinthians 7:5)? (see Ephesians 6:18-20)
5. How might this principle apply to the marriage of two Christians (1 Corinthians 7:14)? (see Matthew 5:14-16)

**God and Father, please strengthen and bless all the married couples in our church.**