

INTRODUCTION

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1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

of these arrogant people but their power.²⁰ For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.²¹ What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church

5 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.¹

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

¹⁰ Write to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰ not the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or those who need to go out of the world.¹¹ But now I am writing to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹¹ not the one who has a wife who is an unbeliever and you do not bring her to the Lord, or the unworshiper whose wife is a worshiper of the Lord and you are united with her as if she were a worshiper of the Lord and you are united with her as if she were a worshiper of the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:24

not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined¹ to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh."¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin² a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Principles for Marriage

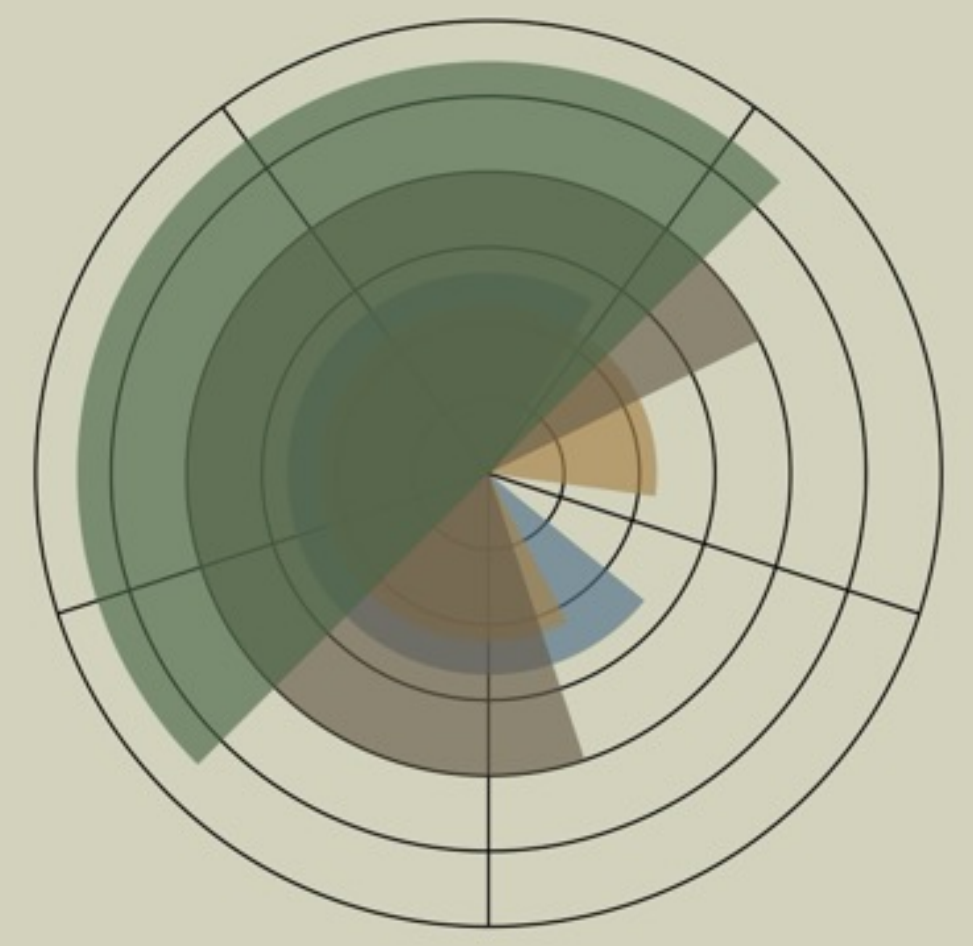
7 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband, as the church does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁸ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰ The married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband, as the church does not separate from Christ, who is her savior, who cleanses her with the word of water by the Spirit, so that she may present herself to him in a state of holiness, without blemish, and that she may present herself to him in a state of holiness, without blemish, and that she may present herself to him in a state of holiness, without blemish, and that she may present herself to him in a state of holiness, without blemish.



SERMON NOTES





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Acts 9:1-31

Acts 26:12-18

Galatians 1:11-24

Philippians 3:4-6





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Galatians 1:11-16 ^{NIV}

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.





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2nd Missionary Journey

Acts 15-18

A.D. 49-51

2800 Miles

Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus

Silas, Timothy, Luke, Priscilla, Aquila





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Acts 18:1-4 ^{NIV}

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.





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