

Managing Marriage: You Should

I Corinthians 7:1-7

Manage:

- To treat with care
- To achieve one's purpose
- Anything valuable must be managed
- ***Marriage is valuable, therefore marriage is worth managing.***

01

Paul's Response

- You Should marry and nurture a healthy sex life with your spouse. v.1-2
- Genesis 2:18; 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- Sex is **NOT** the only reason Christians are to marry. But it is one of the reasons Christians are to marry.

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Paul's Reason

- Healthy marital sex protects Christians from immorality. v.3-5
 - Obligation v.3
 - Sex is not a bonus
 - Sex is not a bargaining tool
 - Sex is not about you
 - Explanation v.4-5
 - Theology of "ownership"
 - Practical protection

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Paul's Reflection

- Singleness and celibacy before God has some incredible benefits but each person must follow God's will for their lives. v.6-7

3 People 3 Challenges

- To the married:
Nurture your sex life with your spouse.
- To the single who desire marriage:
Find contentment in Christ and leverage your singleness and celibacy during this season.
- To those called to remain single:
Rejoice in the freedom you have and use it for God's glory.