

Uncle Dave Says:
Good Morning
and
Welcome to Genesis the Church!



***Let's Begin by Dismissing Our Kids to Their
Kid's Quest Areas of Ministry!***

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The Text:

1 Corinthians 7:25-40!

The Title:

Married: To Be or Not To Be?

The Theme:

***The Sin of Self-Centeredness Brings
Shame Upon the Name of Jesus!***

Overview of Our Journey:



- I. (Chaps.1-4) The **Division** taking place
in the Church at Corinth!
- II. (Chaps.5-6) The **Disorders** taking place
in the Church at Corinth!

III. (Chaps.7-14) The Discussions taking place in the Church!

In Chapter Seven The Division Was Over The Topic Of Marriage And Divorce!



An Overview of Chapter Seven!

A. (7:1-9) Paul's COMMENTS:

Should I remain single or should I get married?

"I SAY TO THE UNMARRIED AND TO WIDOWS THAT BECAUSE OF THE COMING TIME OF CONFLICT UPON THE CHURCH IT IS GOOD FOR THEM TO REMAIN SINGLE OR UNMARRIED. BUT IF SATAN IS GOING TO USE YOUR LACK OF SELF-CONTROL (LUST / FLESHLY DESIRES) TO DESTROY YOUR TESTIMONY FOR JESUS (THEME), IT'S BETTER TO MARRY THAN TO BURN (WITH LUST).

An Overview of Chapter Seven!

B. (7:10-24) Paul's **COMMAND**:

If you choose to marry remain married. Do not seek divorce!

Because you are a living testimony of Christ's love for His bride (the church), and since Christ has promised to never leave you or forsake you, you are not to seek to be divorced. For you were bought with a great price; remain in the situation in which you are called and be a living testimony of Christ's example of love.

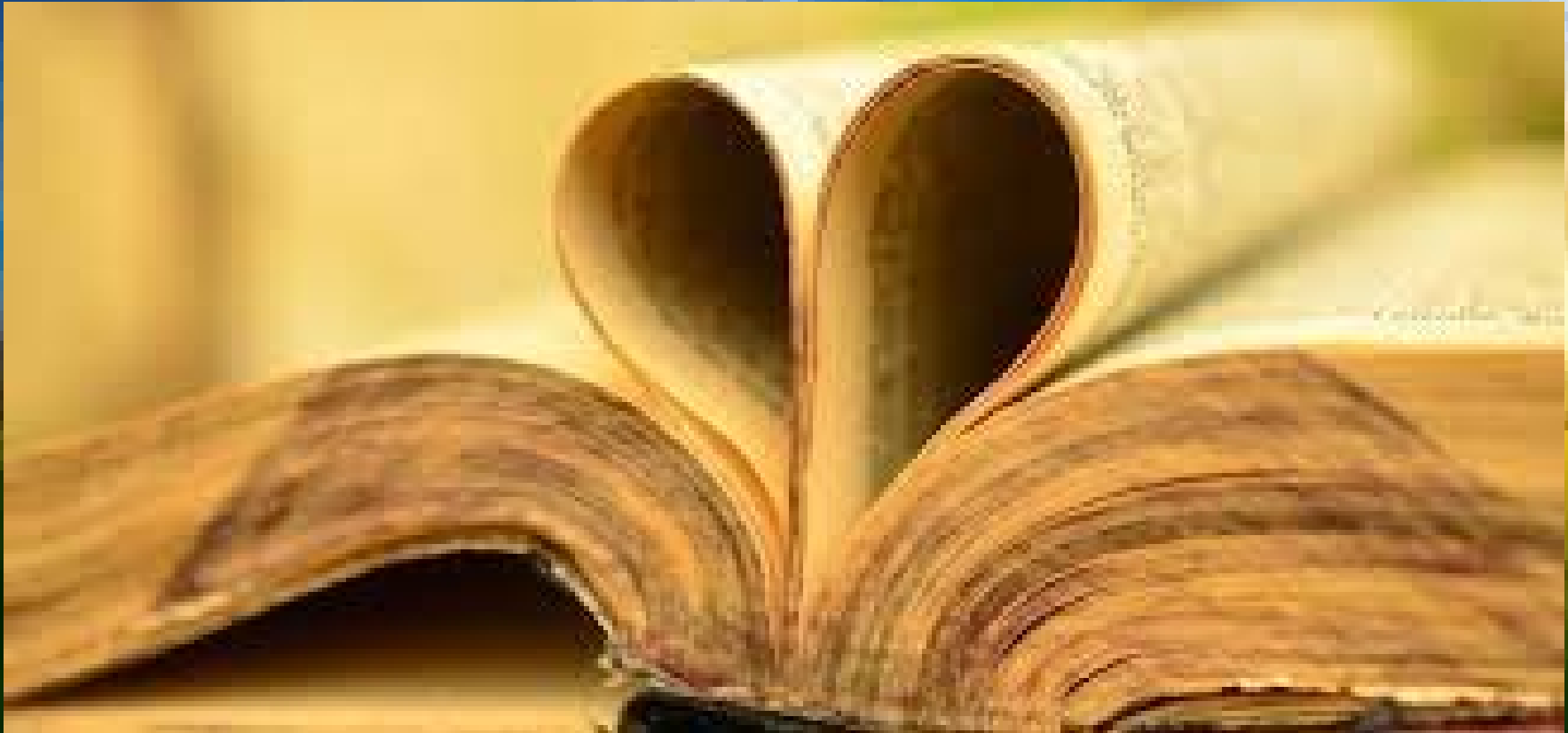
An Overview of Chapter Seven!

C. (7:25-38) Paul's **CAUTION**:
Marriage will hinder your ability to serve God!

D. (7:39-40) Paul's **COUNSEL**:
*Remain single. Marriage does not promise
happiness!*



The Scriptures:
1 Corinthians 7:25-40!



Disney Movie:
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea!



Chapter Seven!

In this chapter **Paul writes** about one of the most **controversial and misunderstood topics** of his day and of our day, as well – **the topic of marriage:**

In **7:1-9**, Paul addressed the topic by way of **concession**. Here Paul focused his attention on believers who wanted to **remain single** so that they might better serve the Lord. His advice was to make sure that their calling to remain celibate was in **accordance with God's will**. In these verses Paul encourages them to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. They are to be a **living testimony** for Jesus!

Chapter Seven!

In **7:10-24**, Paul addressed his audience by way of **command**. In this section he focused on those who **wanted to be married**. His advice to them was given by way of **indirect discourse**. He used the teachings of Jesus to remind them that when a man and a woman come together in marriage, they become one flesh. And what God has joined together can only be separated by death. Thus those who desire to marry must **count the cost before making their vows**. They too are to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. They too are to be a **living testimony of Jesus and His church!**

Words of Wisdom to Share!



Jack Hoyer

“Whether a man winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends on the kind of chick he chooses to marry.”

Jack gave these words of wisdom to a group of single adults. He wanted them to take some time and slow down before deciding to get married.

I personally believe in long engagements. Get to know the person. Don't put yourself in the position where you're stuck with him/her for the rest of your lives!

Herb Walters

“The Bible clearly teaches that when a man marries a woman they become one, but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.”

Herb shared these words of wisdom with a group of young married couples. His point was that young couples must understand and respect their God given roles when they start out on that new adventure called marriage.

If you start out on the wrong foot, you will at best, limp along through life for the rest of your marriage.

Dr. Martin O. Messenger

“If a man has any “horse sense” he will treat his wife like a thoroughbred. If he does this she will never become an old nag.”

Martin understood that leadership in the home is not a dictatorship. He taught that leadership is modeled by following Christ's example – John 3:16 and Phil. 3:15!

If you're going to lead make sure that you're worthy of being followed.

Cornell Jones

“Most woman love a military man. The reason? A military man can cook, and sew, and make his own bed. A military man is in great shape. But most of all a military man already knows how to take orders.”

**If your a woman and find yourself saying “Amen!”
Remember the words in Proverbs 15:1, “A gentle answer
turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger!”
God created you to be a helpmate not a boss!**

The Question This Morning:

But what about my young daughter? She has always looked forward to falling in love and marrying the man of her dreams! Is it God's will for her to remain unmarried?

The Answer:

Is given in the verses now before us!

Benjamin Watson

Fox News Channel / Nikolas Cruse



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Whenever faith is taken out of the equation people suffer.

Christians today, more than ever, need to share their love for God with everyone around them. We have allowed the world to view Christ as some sort of cosmic vending machine that they can go to in times of national crisis.

Society has refused to allow God to be a part of our everyday lives. We have allowed Him to be removed from our culture and have replaced theism with hedonism. We have removed the ten commandments from our schools so that there is no longer any right or wrong. We refuse to pay attention to Him, but are quick to run to Him when there's a national tragedy. No wonder our society is crumbling all around us!

Let's Continue Our Journey!

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A. (vs.25-35) Paul's COMPASSION is Revealed.

1. (vs.25-26) The Coming of Persecution.

a. (v.25) Paul turns to Common Sense.

b. (v.26) Paul applies his Compassion.



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1. (vs.25-26) The Coming of **Persecution**.

2. (vs. 27-28) The Solution to the **Problem**.

a. (v.27) Paul builds on Christ's **Command**.

b. (v.28a) Paul **Comforts** those rejecting his
advice / virgin daughters

c. (v.28b) Paul **Counsels** those who reject my
opinion / face difficulty

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2. (vs. 27-28) The Solution to the **Problem**.

3. (vs.29-31) The **Prediction** is explained.

a. (v.29a) The time to openly **Promote** the gospel will soon come to an end.

b. (vs.29b-31a) The time of **Persecution** will soon begin.

c. (v.31b) The time to **Proclaim** is passing away.

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3. (vs.29-31) The **Prediction** is explained.

4. (vs.32-35) The believer's **Purpose**.

a. (v.32a) Paul's **Passion**: Marriage will hinder
your service.

b. (vs.32b-34) Paul's **Point**: Marriage will hinder
your spouse's service.

c. (v.35) Paul's **Promotion**: Marriage will hinder
your devotion to
the Savior.

A. (vs.25-35) Paul's **COMPASSION** is Revealed.

B. (vs.36-38) Paul's **COMFORT** is Rendered.

1. (v.36) Paul's **Compassion**: Use your liberty to decide.

2. (v.37) Paul's **Counsel**: Remember my words of wisdom / warning.

3. (v.38) Paul's **Comfort**: You have been given freedom to decide.

(Remember Context: Our Liberty or Freedom is to be used to promote that which is good. It is not to cover our fleshly desires)

Our Journey Continues!

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 - A. (v.39) Paul's Final Words on CONDUCT.
 - B. (v.40) Paul's Final Words of COUNSEL.



Next week our journey continues!

Chapter Eight / The Question:

Should a Believer Eat Meat Sacrificed to Idols?

Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.



I Corinthians 15:1-4!



Today is the day of decision!