



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 15: Further Instructions for Marriage and Singlehood

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Read Ephesians 5:22-29. What instructions are given to wives in this passage? What instructions are given to husbands? What connection does Paul continue to make regarding these roles? Why are our roles in marriage important to our witness for Christ?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4. Who is given instructions here? How does this confirm Paul's concern in 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 regarding the anxieties of married men and women?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. Paul is summarizing this section with this statement (we'll get to chapter 10 eventually). What summary statement does he make? What does that tell you about what our most important goal should be?

Read Romans 11:33-36. What attributes of God are being emphasized here? What, then, should be our response (verse 36)?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. What warning is given here? How do we endure this? What promise do we have here, for when we do experience trials? What characteristic of God are we reminded of in verse 11? How does this warning to be self-controlled work with the warning in 1 Corinthians 7 to be self-controlled?

Knowing that our goal should always be to glorify God in whatever situation or circumstance we are in, how are you doing at glorifying Him in your current life situation? As you spend time with God today, consider how your life brings glory to God...or doesn't. Are you so busy making excuses about how busy you are that you are neglecting the commands He has given in Scripture? Are you so busy longing for something you don't have (whether that is a spouse or a child or anything else) that you are not honoring God in the season of life you are in right now? Really think about this, ladies. How are you honoring God? If I'm so wrapped up in "my life" that I am not available to help anyone, within or outside of the body, my priorities are wrong. As you spend time in prayer today, ask God to help you to see where you may be justifying YOUR sin in your misplaced priorities, and ask Him to help you to line up with HIS priorities, to honor Him and bring glory to His Name.