

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

God's Desire for Marriage – Glorifying the Lord

RS – Ephesians 5:22-33

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 – Marriage is God's Design

Now in response to the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." ²But because sexual immorality is so common, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman should have sexual relations with her own husband.

There is a right and wrong way to express and experience one's sexuality. Right way...within the context of a marriage designed by and lead by God. Wrong way...any other way.

Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-6

Merriam-Webster Dictionary: *Marriage: the state of being united as spouses in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law.*

Webster 1828 Dictionary: *Marriage: the act of uniting a man and woman for life.*

1 Corinthians 7:3-7 – Sexual Experiences are for Marriage

³A husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband. ⁴A wife does not have the right over her own body, but her husband does. In the same way, a husband does not have the right over his own body, but his wife does. ⁵Do not deprive one another—except when you agree for a time, to devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again; otherwise, Satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶I say this as a concession, not as a command. ⁷I wish that all people were as I am. But each has his own gift from God, one person has this gift, another has that.

Husbands and wives have a unique personal relationship that is different from all other relationships. One particular thing that should make the marriage unique is sexual experience. All sexual experiences are designed for and limited to marriage.

Revelation 21:7-8; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4;

Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 5:27-30