

**November 29, 2020**  
**I Corinthians 7:1-9 “Teachings On Marriage”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Does this thing come with instructions? As a matter of fact, yes! Problem is, people rush in to marriage and never think about God’s instruction. Much of the blame is found in the pulpit, well meaning pastors perform marriage ceremonies without much thought put into planning for success. For people getting married there should be a period of marriage counseling.

One would never think of signing up to go into battle, for example in Afghanistan, with no sense of how to communicate with comrades or how to fire weapons of defense. Yet, people will go into marriage with no concept of what it entails. A recipe for disaster. Paul will be navigating mine fields of potential dangers, pitfalls, and traps to guide couples through safely.

Let go of selfishness, you are not your own, you were bought with a price, you, in Christ, are God’s property. Biblical teaching instructs that in the marriage relationship, I do not have authority over my own body, my spouse does! So long selfishness!

In marriage there is a duty to fulfill one another sexually, this is to curb the urge for immorality to come forth. Meditate on this beautiful OT passage on marriage.

**Proverbs 5:15-19.** “15 Drink water from your own cistern, water flowing from your own well. 16 Should your springs flow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares? 17 They should be for you alone and not for you to share with strangers. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and take pleasure in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful fawn—let her breasts always satisfy you; be lost in her love forever.” (HCSB)

**APPLICATION: Ephesians 5:22-33:**

“22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” (ESV)

**RECOMMENDED READING: LOVE AND RESPECT; DR. EMMERSON EGGERICHES**

