

**Marriage and Ministry 9-9-18** Corinth: a review of that city and its culture

1 Corinthians 7:1-40 Paul is responding to a

In marriage I am to have a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

Intimacy between a man and a woman is to be within the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 13:4 1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (THE MESSAGE) Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others. I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me. But if they can't manage their desires and emotions, they should by all means go ahead and get married. The difficulties of marriage are preferable by far to a sexually tortured life as a single.

Not everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to be single. Not everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to be married. The Shakers (Shaking Quakers): United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Coming. They were a combination of the Quakers and the French Camisards. Celibacy was their downfall.

Christian, don't \_\_\_\_\_ your unbelieving spouse. Corinthians, serve in your current situation. What are some *temporary* things that are distracting you from the *best* things?

God wants to be first place in your life. He wants to be your \_\_\_\_\_ not just your Savior.