

**Introduction:** In the passage before us this evening Paul continues to answer some tough questions that were presented to him in a letter from Corinth. We do not have the exact questions that were asked by the Corinthian Church but with a little sanctified imagination I believe that we can recreate the questions with some degree of accuracy. Each question addresses a particular segment of believers within the fellowship at Corinth. In his answers Paul will seek to set forth some general principles concerning marriage, which are desperately needed in the days in which we live. Throughout the entire chapter it is important to remember that Paul is writing in the context of the situation in Corinth and that he is not attempting to set forth the doctrine of marriage in all of its wonderful fullness - he will do that in his letters to the Ephesian and Colossian believers.

**SINGLE CHRISTIANS ADDRESSED**

**I. THE PRINCIPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:8-9**

**THEIR ASSUMED QUESTION:**

*NOW THAT I AM SAVED AND I WANT TO SERVE THE LORD COMPLETELY,*

\_\_\_\_\_?

PAUL'S TWO-PART ANSWER:

PART ONE

PART TWO

CHRISTIAN COUPLES ADDRESSED

II. THE PRINCIPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_ - I Corinthians 7:10-11

THEIR ASSUMED QUESTION:

IF CELEBACY IS A HIGHER STATE \_\_\_\_\_?

PAUL'S TWO-PART ANSWER:

PART ONE

PART TWO

MIXED COUPLES ADDRESSED

III. THE PRINCIPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_ - I Corinthians 7:12-16

THEIR ASSUMED QUESTION:

NOW THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN \_\_\_\_\_?

PAUL'S TWO-PART ANSWER:

PART ONE

PART TWO

ALL CHRISTIANS ADDRESSED

CONCLUSION - THE PRINCIPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_ - I Corinthians 7:17-24