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TO THE MARRIED

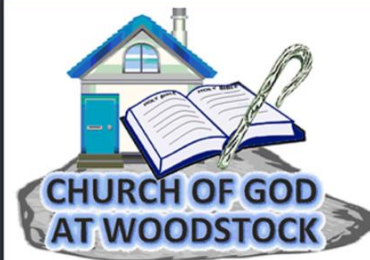


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Genesis 2:20b–24

...but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, **This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman**, because she was taken out of Man. **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**



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Malachi 2:16

For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away**: for one **covereth violence** with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore **take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously**.



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Mark 10:10-12

And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, **committeth adultery against her**. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, **she committeth adultery**.



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Romans 7:2–3

For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is **loosed** from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, **she shall be called an adulteress**: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; **so that she is no adulteress**, though she be married to another man.



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Deuteronomy 24:1–4a

When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because **he hath found some uncleanness in her**: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, **she may go and be another man's wife**. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; Her former husband, which sent her away, **may not take her again to be his wife**,



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Matthew 19:3–12 [3-6]

The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for **every cause**? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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Matthew 19:3–12 [7-9]

They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses **because of the hardness of your hearts** suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning **it was not so**. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.



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Matthew 19:3–12 [10-12]

His disciples say unto him, **If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.** But he said unto them, **All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.** For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. **He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.**



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Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:15–16

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the **garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it**. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden **thou mayest freely eat**.



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Luke 20:33–35

Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven *[legally]* had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, The **children of this world marry, and are given in marriage**: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry, nor are given in marriage**:



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1 Corinthians 7:1

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: **It is good for a man not to touch a woman.**



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The attitude of rabbinic Judaism, can be expressed in three statements:

- (1) Every Jewish male is under a religious obligation to marry.
- (2) Within marriage every Jewish husband has an obligation to fulfill the marital relation in order to propagate the race and to restrain immorality.
- (3) Early marriage is strongly recommended (that is, by the time the man is in his late teens or early twenties)



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Asceticism is a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from sensual pleasures, often for the purpose of pursuing spiritual goals.

Practitioners abandon sensual pleasures and lead an abstinent lifestyle, in the pursuit of redemption, salvation, or spirituality. Many ascetics believe the action of purifying the body helps to purify the soul, and thus obtain a greater connection with the Divine or find inner peace.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asceticism>



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1 Timothy 4:1–3a

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **Forbidding to marry,**

1 Timothy 4:6a

If thou **put the brethren in remembrance of these things**, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ



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Estimated distribution of citizenship in the Roman Empire (middle of the 1st century AD)

"Estimated Distribution of Citizenship in the Roman Empire". byustudies.byu.edu.

Region	Citizens (percent)	Noncitizen residents (percent)	Slaves (percent)
Rome	55	15	30
Italy	70	5	25
Spain and Gaul	10	70	20
Other Western Provinces	3	80	17
Greece and Asia Minor	3	70	27
North African Provinces	2	70	28
Other Eastern Provinces	1	80	19



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Slavery in Rome

From the earliest historical period, domestic slaves were part of a familia, the body of a household's dependents—a word especially, or sometimes limited to, referring to the slaves collectively.

The “pater” held the power of life and death over all members of the extended household except his wife, including his sons and daughters as well as slaves.

Slaves could not enter into legal forms of marriage, though some might be permitted to cohabit less formally.

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1 Corinthians 7:2

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, **let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**



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1 Corinthians 7:3

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Ephesians 5:22

Wives, **submit yourselves** unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, **love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it;



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1 Corinthians 7:4–5

The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.



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Hebrews 13:4 (KJV)

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Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

Let marriage **be held in honor among all**, and let the marriage bed **be undefiled**, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.



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1 Corinthians 7:6–9

But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.



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1 Corinthians 7:10–11

And unto the **married I command, yet not I, but the Lord**, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.



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1 Corinthians 7:12–13

But to the rest speak **I, not the Lord**:

If any brother hath a wife that **believeth not**, and she **be pleased to dwell with him**, let him **not put her away**.

And the woman which hath an husband that **believeth not**, and if he **be pleased to dwell with her**, let her **not leave him**.



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1 Corinthians 7:14 (KJV)

For the unbelieving husband is **sanctified by the wife**, and the unbelieving wife is **sanctified by the husband**: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.



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1 Corinthians 7:14 (NLT)

For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy.



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1 Corinthians 7:15

But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A **brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases**: but God hath called us to peace.



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Exodus 21:10–11

If he *[the man, or son of, that purchased the slave]* take him **another wife**; her **food**, her **raiment**, and her **duty of marriage**, shall he **not diminish**. And if he do not these three unto her, **then shall she go out free without money**.



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1 Corinthians 7:16–17

For **what knowest thou**, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or **how knowest thou**, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? But as God hath distributed to every man, **as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk.** And so ordain I in all churches.



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1 Corinthians 7:18–19

Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, **but the keeping of the commandments of God.**



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1 Corinthians 7:20–24

Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. **Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.**



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Colossians 3:18–23

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: **And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**



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