



Messy: God's Design for Marriage

WEEK OF January 13, 2019 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

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2. Why do you think Paul said "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman" rather than "It is bad for a man to have sexual relations with a woman"?

3. Discuss the importance of Paul acknowledging the validity of the "temptation to sexual immorality"?

4. In light of the seventh commandment, why is it important for Paul to emphasize the word OWN in the passage?

5. What mutual obligation do a husband and wife have to one another?

6. What guidelines does Paul give to married couples about periods of sexual abstinence?

7. In verse 6 Paul starts by saying "now as a concession, not a command..." in light of this passage why do you think this caveat is important?

8. What does Paul mean in verse 7 by each having his own gift?

9. Why do you think Paul uses the metaphor burning with passion? In relation to this passage, why is it better to get married than burn with passion?

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10. If you are married or if you are single what encouragement does this passage provide?

11. In what ways can the church encourage the gift of singleness more?

12. If you are married, what percentage of your friends are married and if you are single what percentage of your friends are single? What are some ways you can even the ratio more if you have a high percentage of those like yourself?

