

Together: study of 1 Corinthians
“3 Ingredients of Together Marriages”
1 Corinthians 7:1-16
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Together Marriages are:

1. Together sexually.

¹ Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” 1 Corinthians 7:1

3 OBSTACLES TO PHYSICAL INTIMACY

- psychological Obstacle
- relational Obstacle
- technique Obstacle

(a) Marriage is God’s only plan for sexual fulfillment.

² But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. ³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. 1 Corinthians 7:2-4

⁸ Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried as I do. ⁹ But if they cannot control themselves they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion. 1 Corinthians 7:8-9

(b) Sexual intimacy in marriage is God’s way to prevent sexual infidelity outside marriage.

⁵ Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:5

SATAN’S STEPS TO ADULTERY

- 1. We accept the lie: *What I’m missing is Better than What I have.***
- 2. We enjoy common interests.**
- 3. We share personal information.**
- 4. We anticipate time together.**
- 5. We hide the relationship from our spouse.**

- 6. We flirt with minor arousing touch.**
- 7. We invent excuses to call or meet.**
- 8. We deceive our spouse with words and actions.**
- 9. We engage sexually.**

Together Marriages are:

2. Together _____.

¹⁰ To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. ¹¹ But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. ¹³ And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. 1 Corinthians 7:10-13

3. Together for _____.

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. ¹⁶ How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? 1 Corinthians 7:14-16

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. What truths about marriage and divorce does Paul teach?
3. If married: How can you shield your marriage from Satan’s traps?
4. If single: How do you combat the lie that you’re “missing out” because you’re not married? How can you guard (or reclaim) your sexual purity?
5. What devastating effects does adultery have on the family? your Christian witness? on society? What would you say to someone flirting with a forbidden relationship?