

PRACTICAL ANSWERS TO PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

I COR. 7:1-40

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

Introduction:

- A. Christians are often confronted with questions and problems that have no easy answer.
 - 1. We may say, "what would Jesus do?"
 - 2. This will not work in every case.

- B. The Corinthians had some particular problems.¹ Celibacy, Slavery, Meat, Marriage, Circumcisions.
 - 1. They could not find an adequate answer.
 - 2. They wrote to Paul asking his help.
 - 3. The remaining chapters are Paul's answers to a number of questions.

I. SHOULD CHRISTIAN COUPLES UNITED IN MARRIAGE ABSTAIN FROM SEX DURING A TIME OF FASTING?

- A. Paul's main thought is always toward service.
 - 1. v1. "It is better to remain unmarried."
 - 2. v7.

- B. The answer.
 - 1. v2-6.

II. SHOULD BELIEVING COUPLES SEPARATE IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD?

- A. If being as Paul is best, we will separate.
 - 1. v10-11.

- B. Paul understood human nature.
 - 1. Would use this as an excuse to separate.

III. SHOULD A MARRIED BELIEVER SEPARATE FROM AN UNBELIEVING MATE?

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A. v12-15.

1. Children are separated from Pagan influence.

B. The principle.

1. v17.

IV. IS CIRCUMCISION PROFITABLE?

A. v18-19.

B. The principle.

1. v20.

V. SHOULD WE SEEK TO FREE OURSELVES FROM SLAVERY?

A. v21-23.

B. The principle.

1. v24.

VI. SHOULD YOUNG WOMEN MARRY?

A. v25-28.

B. The principle.

1. v29-33.

C. The difference between the married and unmarried.

1. v34.

D. The principle.

1. v35.

E. Marriage is honorable.

1. v36-40.

2. v8-9.

