

## Message Based Discussion

1 Corinthians 7:8-16

## Principles for Marriage, Part 2: Stay as you are.

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What did you like about this passage?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this passage teach about people?

What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this passage, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this passage?

### **Memorize: Verse of the month (Doctrine)**

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. To the Unmarried and Widows, vs. 8-9

◆ Who?

◆ “as I am”

◆ Self-control

Exception: “But if they do not control themselves,” get married.

## 2. To the Married, vs. 10-11

- ◆ “Not I, but the Lord.”
- ◆ The wife should not “separate”
- ◆ The husband should not “divorce”

Exception: “but if she does,” seek reconciliation.

## 3. To the rest: Mixed Marriages, vs. 12-16

- ◆ “I, not the Lord”
- ◆ A believer and an unbeliever
- ◆ Sanctified/made holy
- ◆ For how do you know?

Exception: “But if the unbelieving partner separates,” let them go in peace.