

Marriage, Singleness and Divorce (1 Corinthians 7)

Sermon outline for 7:45, 9am and SNC

7th in series

Introduction: Sensitive and delicate issues!

1. Sex and Marriage (vv. 1-6)

- Corinth: "It is good for a man not to have sex with a woman"
Paul: No! "Do not deprive one another ... except"
- Devoted to pleasing your wife/husband (vv.34-35)
- "Since there is so much immorality"

2. Singleness (vv. 7-9, 32-35)

- Paul's "gift" (v.7-9)
- The advantages of singleness (v.32,34, Matt 19:12)
- Singleness with - and without - the gift

3. Divorce and Remarriage (vv. 10-16, 39-40)

- No divorce (but perhaps separation then reconciliation)
- Believer married to an unbeliever? (vv.12-16; Matt 19:9)
- "A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives" (v.39)

Our Response