

Living a Stable Life in a Shaky World

1 Corinthians 7

Preliminary Matters:

- 1** – These were “babies in Messiah” (3:1)
- 2** – There was a uniquely difficult time at hand (v.26,29)
- 3** – They needed to learn how to adjust to a changing situation

1Corinthians 7:26, 29

I think that **in view of the present distress** it is good for a person to remain as he is...

This is what I mean, brothers: **the appointed time has grown very short.**

Section 1 Confirmation of Torah-Based Marriage (v.1-5)

1Corinthians 7:1

(NASB) Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

(ESV) Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”



Brothel advertisement at Ephesus

free love

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noun

1. the idea or practice of having sexual relations according to choice, without being restricted by marriage or long-term relationships.

**“Free love” is not free.
Neither is it love.**

Section 2

A Caveat

(v.6-9)

Definition: a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

Occurs when...

- Commandments collide with each other
- Commandments collide with reality

Section 3

The Unequally Yoked

(v.10-16)

The words “leave” (χωρίζω) and “separate” (αφίημι) are used six times in this section. Words for “divorce” (απολυω or αποσποσιν) are not used at all.

Mark 9:40-41 “For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Messiah will by no means lose his reward.”

Section 4

Living One's Assigned Life

(v.17-24)

Circumcision = Conversion

Q: Are you a bondservant of Messiah?

John 5:30 "...I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

Section 5
Advice for Unstable Times ...
(v.25-31)

Section 6
... Give Undivided Devotion to God
(v.32-35)

Rules of Warfare

Deut. 20:7-8

Section 7

But Always Do What is Proper

(v.32-40)

Isaiah 26:20-21

Come, My people, enter your rooms and close your doors behind you. Hide for a little while until indignation runs its course. For behold, Adonai is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain.

NOTES:

1Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babies in Messiah.

2Thess 2:1-5 Now concerning the coming of our Master – King Yeshua – and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

Brothel advertisement at Ephesus: Strategically located near the corner of the city's two main thoroughfares, the House of Love, or brothel at Ephesus, was a peristyle house with a large hall and several small upstairs rooms. The advertisement seen here is carved into the pavement of the Marble Road. It features the outline of a left foot, the head of a woman, and a heart, indicating that the patron should turn left here to find women eager for love.

Phil. 3:5 ... circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Torah, a Pharisee.

Exodus 21:10-11 If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

2Cor. 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers...

Matthew 10:40-42 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Deut. 20:7-8 'And who is the man that is engaged to a woman and has not married her? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.' Then the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, 'Who is the man that is afraid and fainthearted? Let him depart and return to his house, so that he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'

In no other chapter of the New Testament is the writer so at pains to state precisely the degree of authority to be attributed to each of his pronouncements. – David H. Stern, Jewish New Testament Commentary (pg.453)