

**PATTERNS OF CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY:  
(I) Equality in Conjugal Rights I Cor 7:1-5**

1. Now concerning the matters about which you wrote.  
  
"Is it well for a man not to touch a woman?"
2. Now because of *immorality*, MARITAL RELATIONS  
each *man* should *have* (relations with) *his own wife* IMPORTANT (temp.)  
and each *woman* should have (relations with) *her own husband*.
3. The *husband* should give to his *wife* her (conjugal) *rights*, GIVE  
and likewise the *wife* to her *husband*. RIGHTS
4. For the *wife does not rule* over *her own body*, HUSBAND  
but the *husband does*; RULES WIFE
5. likewise the *husband does not rule* over *his own body*, WIFE RULES  
but the *wife does*. HUSBAND
6. Do *not refuse* one another GIVE  
except by *agreement* for a season, RIGHTS  
that you may *devote* yourselves to *prayer*;
7. but then *come together* again, MARITAL RELATIONS  
*lest Satan tempt* you through *lack of self-control*. IMPORTANT (temp.)

**PATTERNS OF CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY (II) I Cor. 7:6-16**

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| 1. I say this by way of concession, not of command,<br>and I wish that all were as I myself am. | I WISH ALL<br>REMAIN AS I AM              |
| 2. But each has his own special spiritual gift from God,<br>one of one kind and one of another. | DIFFERENT<br>SPIRITUAL GIFTS (kharismata) |

***Widows and Widowers***

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| 3. To the widowers (a-gamos, de-married) and widows I say<br>that it is well for them to remain as I. | -----<br>I WISH THE DE-MARRIED<br>REMAIN AS I AM |
| 4. But if they cannot exercise control they should marry.<br>For it is better to marry than to burn.  | SOME CAN<br>SOME CAN'T                           |

***Married to believers***

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| 5. To the married I give charge, not I but the Lord,<br>that the wife should not separate from her husband<br>but if she does, let her remain single (a-gamos, demarried)<br>or else be reconciled to her husband -<br>and that the husband should not divorce his wife. | -----<br>SEPARATION<br>RECONCILIATION<br>DIVORCE |
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***Married to Unbelievers***

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| 6. To the rest I say, not the Lord,<br>that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever,<br>and she consents to live with him,<br>he should not divorce her. | -----<br>IF CONGENIAL<br>STAY TOGETHER |
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| 7. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever,<br>and he consents to live with her,<br>she should not divorce him. | IF CONGENIAL<br>STAY TOGETHER |
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| 8. For the unbelieving husband<br>is made holy through/in the wife,<br>and the unbelieving wife<br>is made holy through/in her husband. | UNBELIEVER<br>MADE HOLY |
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| 9. Otherwise, your children would be unclean,<br>but as it is they are holy. | CHILDREN<br>HOLY |
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| 10. But if the unbelieving partner<br>desires to separate, let it be,<br>in such a case the brother or sister is not bound.<br>For God has called us to peace. | IF NOT CONGENIAL<br>SEPARATE |
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| 11. For how do you know, wife,<br>if you will keep (sozo, save?) your husband?<br>For how do you know, husband,<br>if you will keep (sozo, save?) your wife? | CAN YOU<br>SAVE/KEEP PARTNER? |
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**[MALE AND FEMALE] - JEW AND GREEK - SLAVE AND FREE**

I Cor. 7:17-24

[cf. Gal. 3:28 "In Christ there is no..."]  
 male/female (discussed above in 7:1-16)  
 Jew/Greek (discussed here in 7:17-19)  
 slave/free (discussed here in 7:20-24)

1. To each as the Lord assigned,  
 and to each as God has called - let him walk. FOLLOW YOUR  
 This is my directive in all the churches. CALLING
2. Was any one at the time of his call circumcised?  
 Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision.
3. Was any one at the time of his call uncircumcised? JEW (is nothing)  
 Let him not seek circumcision. GREEK (is nothing)
4. For circumcision is nothing  
 and uncircumcision is nothing,  
 but keeping the commandments of God.
5. Every one in the calling REMAIN IN  
 in/to which he was called should remain. YOUR CALLING
6. Were you called a slave?  
 Do not be disturbed over it.  
 But if you can gain your freedom, GAIN FREEDOM  
 avail yourself of the opportunity.
7. For the person in the Lord called a slave SLAVE  
 is a freedman of the Lord. FREE  
 Likewise he who was called free FREE  
 is a slave of Christ. SLAVE
8. You were bought with a price;  
 do not become slaves of men. STAY FREE
9. Every one, in that to which he was called, brethren, REMAIN IN  
 in that let him remain with God. YOUR CALLING - WITH GOD

**PATTERNS OF CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY (III):  
 CONCERNING THE UNMARRIED**

I Cor. 7:25-31

1. Now concerning the *virgins* (parthenoi, never married), VIRGINS  
I have no command of the Lord,  
but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

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2. I think that in view of the *impending distress* TROUBLE IS  
it is well for a person to remain as he is. THREATENING

3. Are you *bound* to a wife?  
Do not seek to be *free*.  
Are you *free* from a wife? REMAIN AS  
Do not seek *marriage*. YOU ARE  
But if you *marry*, you do *not sin*,  
and if a girl (virgin) marries she does not sin.

4. Yet those who marry will have *worldly troubles*, TROUBLE IS  
and I would spare you that. THREATENING

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5. I mean, brethren, the *appointed time* TIME IS  
has *grown very short*; from now on, SHORT

6. let those who have *wives*  
live as though they had *none*,  
and those who *mourn* FAMILY  
as though they were *not mourning*, SOCIAL  
and those who *rejoice* ECONOMIC TIES  
as though they were *not rejoicing*, DE-ABSOLUTIZED  
and those who *buy*  
as though they had *no goods*,  
and those who *deal with the world*  
as though they had *no dealings with it*.

7. For the **form of this world** FORM OF WORLD  
is *passing away*. PASSING

***PATTERNS OF CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY (IV) I Cor. 7:32-40***

***MARRAGE AND ANXIETIES***

1. I want you to be free from anxieties. FREE FROM ANXIETIES
2. Now the de-married (a-gamos) man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; DE-MARRIED MAN  
FREE FOR THE LORD
3. but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and he is divided. MARRIED MAN  
BUSY WITH WIFE
4. The de-married (a-gamos) woman and the virgin (parthenos) are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be consecrated in body and spirit; DE-MARRIED WOMAN  
FREE FOR THE LORD
5. but the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please her husband. MARRIED WOMAN  
BUSY WITH HUSBAND
6. I say this for your own benefit, not to throw a noose upon you, but to promote good order (euskhemon) and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. SECURING UNDIVIDED LOYALTY

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***ANY ONE AND HIS VIRGIN***

7. If any one thinks that he is not behaving properly towards his virgin, if his passions are strong, and if it has to be, let him do what he wants; he does not sin, let them marry.
8. But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his virgin, he will do well.
9. So that he who marries (gives in marriage?) his virgin does well; and he who refrains from marrying (giving in marriage?) will do better.

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***IN CAST OF DEATH***

10. A wife is bound (dedetai) to her husband as long as he lives.
11. If the husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
12. But in my judgment she is happier (makariotera) if she remains as she is.

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***PERSONAL APPEAL***

13. I think that I have the Spirit of God.