

## STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

## **Celibacy and Marriage**

## 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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## God's Pattern & Purpose for Marriage

- A. Companionship / Friendship
- **B.** Complementary Mutual Support
- C. Autonomy
- D. Permanence
- E. Unity
- F. Spiritual Growth & Christlikeness
- G. Procreation

**Proverbs 5:18-19** "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. 19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love."

1. God commends sexual relations within biblical marriage.

2. Marriage is a covenant relationship of mutual submission and support.

3. God gifts some for singleness; for others, His gift is marriage.