

Called To be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

1 Peter 5:8

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil, as a roaring
lion, walketh about, seeking whom
he may devour.”**

Ephesians 6:12

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

2 Corinthians 2:11

**“Lest Satan should get an
advantage of us: for we are not
ignorant of his devices.”**

Some of Satan's Lies ...

- There is no God.**
- You don't need God.**
- God wants to make you unhappy.**
- God's Word is untrue & irrelevant.**
- God's plan for marriage & human sexuality is outdated.**

***Believe God's Word &
Embrace God's Plan***

1 Corinthians 7:36-40

- 1. Marriage can complicate and amplify the acute pressures of life.**
- 2. Marriage magnifies the sinfulness and weakness of the flesh.**
- 3. Marriage can easily overshadow the eternal things of God.**
- 4. Marriage divides our attention and can limit our service to God.**

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1. God's plan is *marriage for most* and *singleness for some*, as God leads.
2. Marriage is a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman.
3. Those who are married should stay married, even if they're married to an unbeliever.

4. Those whose spouse has died are free to remarry, though Paul's advice is to stay single.
5. Those who are divorced should remain unmarried unless they are able to reconcile and restore their marriage.

6. Those who have never married are free to marry, provided they are convinced that marriage will help them serve Christ better.

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

Conviction – Compassion = Contention

Compassion – Conviction = Compromise

Conviction + Compassion = Christlikeness

