

1 Corinthians 7:8-16 God's Ways for Marriage and Divorce

- Unmarried and formerly married v. 8-9
 - Unmarried and widows/widowers
 - Stay single—if you have self-control
 - Otherwise get married— 1st time or again
 - Do not burn with lust for the sake of staying single
 - Unbridled temptation will lead to sin—flee immorality
- Christians married to Christians v. 10-11
 - At the Lord's command
 - No divorce! Malachi 2:13-16
 - If you do divorce, stay single
 - Or be reconciled to one another
- Christians married to unbelievers who want to stay married v. 12-14 2 Corinthians 6:14
 - No divorce if the unbeliever wants to stay married
 - The Christian sanctifies the marriage Gen. 18:26
 - A family is always graced by even ONE Christian
- Christians married to unbelievers who want to divorce v. 15-16
 - Let them go in peace, do not resist, you aren't the one in control
 - Grace may lead to their salvation as God seeks their soul in other ways than through the spouse
 - The Christian is completely free to remarry without accountability to God's primary law; death Romans 7:2 or adultery Matt. 19:1-12; Hosea Chapters 1-2; John 15:13
 - God's expectation for Christians is to be at peace Romans 12:18