

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- * Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- * Paul began this epistle by reminding the believers that they "... are sanctified (set apart) in Christ Jesus, called to be saints (set apart ones) ..."
- * A major purpose of Paul's epistle is to assist the believers in both the theological and practical aspects of this process of sanctification.
- * Last week we considered Paul's instruction to the church regarding personal sanctification.
- * Today, we transition our focus into the home to consider the sanctity of marriage.
- * Before we begin, let us first bring in the foundation of Christ's teaching on this subject ... Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-12

INSTRUCTION**I. A SANCTIFIED MARITAL R_____ (v. 1-9)****A. The O_____ to Marital Sanctity**

1. THE I_____ (v. 2)
2. THE L_____ (v. 5)

B. The O_____ of Marital Sanctity

1. THE A_____ (v. 3-4)
2. THE E_____ (v. 5)

II. A SANCTIFIED MARITAL C_____ (v. 10-24)**A. The I_____ for Marital Commitment (v. 10-13)****B. The I_____ of Marital Commitment (v. 14-16)**

1. A CONSIDERATION OF YOUR S_____
2. A CONSIDERATION OF YOUR C_____

C. The I_____ of Marital Commitment (v. 17-24)**III. A SANCTIFIED MARITAL P_____ (v. 25-40)****A. Regarding the P_____ D_____ (v. 25-31)****B. Regarding the P_____ D_____ (v. 32-40)****INTROSPECTION**

- * WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF MARRIAGE? DOES IT ALIGN WITH GOD'S TEACHING?
- * HOW IMPORTANT IS DEVELOPING THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO YOUR SPOUSE?
- * WHICH HAS THE HIGHER PRIORITY IN YOUR MARRIAGE: YOUR PLEASURE OR GOD'S KINGDOM?
- * DO YOU SEE YOUR MARRIAGE AS A PARTNERSHIP TO SERVE GOD TOGETHER?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What are some ways that you and your spouse can serve the Lord in a joint ministry?
- * What are some specific activities that married people can do to develop a kingdom mindset in their marriage?
- * What effect, if any, should the present condition of our culture have upon our view of marital sanctity?