


# Principles of Marriage (I Corinthians 7)

An open Bible is shown on a desk, with its pages filled with text. The Bible is the central focus, and the text is overlaid on top of it. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a library or study.

**Now concerning the  
things whereof you wrote  
to me: It is good for a man  
not to touch a woman.**

**—1 Corinthians 7:1**

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  - Matthew 19:4 – 6

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  - 1 Corinthians 7:3 – 5
  - 1 Corinthians 7:9
  - Matthew 19:7 – 9
  - Hebrews 13:4

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  - 1 Corinthians 7:10 – 11
  - Matthew 19:6

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- Divorce is not the answer.
- **Marriage is lifelong commitment.**
  - 1 Corinthians 7:39
  - Romans 7:2
  - Matthew 19:6

# Paul's Principles for Marriage:

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- 1 Corinthians 7:1
- 1 Corinthians 7:6 – 8
- 1 Corinthians 7:36 – 38
- Matthew 19:10 – 12

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  - 1 Corinthians 7:12 – 16
  - 1 Peter 3:1 – 2

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  - 1 Corinthians 7:17
  - 1 Corinthians 7:25 – 29

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- **Don't have divided interests.**
  - 1 Corinthians 7:32 – 35
  - 1 Corinthians 7:40
  - Matthew 10:34 – 39
  - Proverbs 18:22

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Have you devoted  
yourself to the Lord?

