

# **I Corinthians Chapters 7 and 8**

**Chapter 7** – Divorce, Remarriage, Unbelievers, Children, Virgins

The Family is the foundational unit for society and the stability of the family is key to have a healthy society. When the family is broken the damage to society is huge. Note the following information from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Cost of Broken Families

Poverty – 6 times more likely to struggle financially vs. married couples

Children –

- emotional problems,
- behavioral problems,
- educational problems (dropouts),
- legal problems,
- Sexual promiscuity (teenage pregnancy),
- drug and alcohol abuse.
- They typically struggle with stability in their marriages,
- often do not hold steady jobs, and
- are unsuccessful in life.

Family of Origin Issues:

- Sins of the Father's,
- Generational Sin,
- Curse of the Law,

- Bitter Root Judgments,
- Inner Vows
- Sowing and Reaping, forgiveness, giving, judging (4 spiritual laws)

#### Vs 1-5

- Marriage is only relationship to engage in sexual intercourse
- Marriage is consistent with God's desire – Genesis 2:18 – not good that man be alone
- Marriage is designed for procreation – Genesis 1:28 – be fruitful and multiply
- Sexual equality and mutuality – your body is not your own – both ways

#### Vs 6 – 17 Celibacy, Divorce, Unbelieving Spouse, Children

- Celibacy is a higher calling, but not for everybody
- Leaving one's spouse
- Living with unbeliever – sanctifies him/her
- Children

#### Vs 18 – 24 You Position in Christ when Called

- Circumcision
- Slavery

#### Vs 25 – 40 – Advise on Marriage, Remarriage, Virgins

## **Chapter 8 – Meat Sacrificed to Idols**

Acts 15 – Council of Jerusalem – vs 19 and 20

VS 1-3 Knowledge and Arrogance verses Love –  
Puffed up verses Built up

Vs 4- 13 Idols and Eating Meat Sacrificed to Idols

- Idols are nothing
- There is only ONE GOD
- There are evil spirits behind the idols – they are real – Jesus is above all of them
- Not all believers are mature
- Some believe eating this meat is wrong and offensive
- Don't become a stumbling block to a weaker believer
- Although you know it is perfectly OK to eat the meat, by doing so you hurt others – this is sin