

# Managing Marriage: You Should

## I Corinthians 7:1-7

### Manage:

- To treat with care
- To achieve one's purpose
- Anything valuable must be managed
- ***Marriage is valuable, therefore marriage is worth managing.***

## 01

### Paul's Response

- You Should marry and nurture a healthy sex life with your spouse. v.1-2
- Genesis 2:18; 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- Sex is **NOT** the only reason Christians are to marry. But it is one of the reasons Christians are to marry.

## 02

### Paul's Reason

- Healthy marital sex protects Christians from immorality. v.3-5
  - Obligation v.3
    - Sex is not a bonus
    - Sex is not a bargaining tool
    - Sex is not about you
  - Explanation v.4-5
    - Theology of "ownership"
    - Practical protection

## 03

### Paul's Reflection

- Singleness and celibacy before God has some incredible benefits but each person must follow God's will for their lives. v.6-7

### 3 People 3 Challenges

- To the married:  
***Nurture your sex life with your spouse.***
- To the single who desire marriage:  
***Find contentment in Christ and leverage your singleness and celibacy during this season.***
- To those called to remain single:  
***Rejoice in the freedom you have and use it for God's glory.***