

**1 Corinthians**  
**Chapter 7:1-16**

1. Is marriage merely a preventative to fornication (7:2)? Explain.
  
2. What does it mean that a wife has authority over the husband's body, and vice versa (7:3, 4)?
  
3. Under what conditions does Paul say abstinence in marriage is permissible (7:5)?
  
4. Why did Paul recommend celibacy (7:7-9)?
  
5. Compare 7:10, 11 to Matthew 19:1-9 and note the parallels and how they fit together.
  
6. What specific case had Jesus not discussed in His teaching on marriage and divorce (7:12-16)?
  
7. What does it mean a brother or sister is not under bondage if an unbelieving mate leaves (7:15; cf. Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:2, 3)?