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| <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>(1) Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: <i>It is good for a man not to touch a woman.</i></p> <p>(2) Nevertheless, <i>to avoid</i> fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.</p> <p>(3) Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.</p> <p>(4) The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.</p> <p>(5) Defraud ye not one the other, except <i>it be</i> with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.</p> <p>(6) But I speak this by permission, <i>and</i> not of commandment.</p> <p>(7) For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.</p> <p>(8) I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.</p> <p>(9) But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.</p> <p>(10) And unto the married I command, <i>yet</i> not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from <i>her</i> husband:</p> <p>(11) But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to <i>her</i> husband: and let not the husband put away <i>his</i> wife.</p> | <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>(1) Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: <i>It is good for a man not to touch a woman.</i></p> <p>(2) Nevertheless, <i>to avoid</i> fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.</p> <p>(3) Let the husband render to the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife to the husband.</p> <p>(4) The wife does not have power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband does not have power over his own body, but the wife.</p> <p>(5) Do not deprive one another, except <i>by mutual</i> consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.</p> <p>(6) But I speak this by permission, <i>and</i> not of commandment.</p> <p>(7) Because I would <i>desire</i> that all men were even as I myself. But every man has his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.</p> <p>(8) I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they stay even as I.</p> <p>(9) But if they cannot contain themselves, let them marry: because it is better to marry than to burn.</p> <p>(10) And to the married I command, <i>yet</i> not I, but the Lord, Do not let the wife depart from <i>her</i> husband:</p> <p>(11) But and if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to <i>her</i> husband: and do not let the husband divorce <i>his</i> wife.</p> |

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(12) But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

(13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

(14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

(15) But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called us to peace.

(16) For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

(17) But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

(18) Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

(19) Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

(20) Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

(21) Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use *it* rather.

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(12) But to the rest I speak, not the Lord: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.

(13) And the woman who has a husband who does not believe, and if he is willing to live with her, let her not leave him.

(14) Because the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else your children would be unclean; but now are they holy.

(15) But if the unbelieving departs, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage^a in such *cases*: but God has called us to peace.

(16) Because how do you know, O wife, whether you shall save *your* husband? or how do you know, O man, whether you shall save *your* wife?

(17) But as God has distributed to every man, as the Lord has called every one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all churches.

(18) Is any man called while being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

(19) Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

(20) Let every man live in the same calling in which he was called.

(21) Are you called while *being* a servant? do not worry about it: but if you may be made free, do so.

7:15a - not under bondage - i.e. if the unbeliever leaves the believer, the believer is free to remarry