

## Questionable Questions in the Corinthian Church

Thematic Structure-Difficult Questions to the Apostle Paul 7-16:12

Grammatical Structure- “ Now concerning.....” 7:1, 25,8:1, 12:1, 16:1,12

### Difficult Issues Concerning Marriage 7:1-40

- I. The Principle Concerning Christian Life and Marriage 7:1-7
  - A. The Principle :1
  - B. The Problem :2-5
  - C. The Principle Reiterated :6-7
  
- II. The Principle Applied to Specific Groups in the Church 7:8-40
  - A. The Marital Status of a Christian Should Be Maintained Unless Specific Circumstances Dictate Otherwise. :8-16
    1. The Unmarried Believer Should Remain Unmarried Unless They Lack Self Control :8-9
    2. The Married Believer Should Remain Married and Not Marry Another :10-11
    3. The Believer in a Mixed Marriage Should Remain Married to an Unbeliever Unless the Unbeliever Departs :12-16
  
  - B.** The Life Situation in General of the Believer should Be Maintained Unless Special Circumstances Dictate Otherwise :17-24
    1. The Condition of “Circumcised” :18-20
  
    2. The Condition of “Slavery” :21-24
  
  - C. The Life Situation of Widows or Single, Remaining Unmarried is Preferable But Not Mandatory :25-40 (“Now Concerning ...”)
    1. Remaining Unmarried is Preferable Because of the Difficult Times and it Allows Devotion to the Lord :25-35
  
    2. Releasing of a Daughter to Marriage is Permitted But Not Preferred :36-38
  
    3. Remarriage of Widows in the Lord is Permitted But Not Preferred :39-40

### Theological Principles

Stay in your sate- Keep first things first- The times are difficult- Keep your priorities But enjoy your freedom of choices as allowed by the Lord.