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7 Now concerning the things of which you	
wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a	
woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual	
immorality, let each man have his own wife,	
and let each woman have her own husband.	
³ Let the husband render to his wife the	
affection due her, and likewise also the wife to	
her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority	
over her own body, but the husband does. And	
likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not	
deprive one another except with consent for a	
time, that you may give yourselves to fasting	
and prayer; and come together again so that	
Satan does not tempt you because of your lack	
of self-control. ⁶ But I say this as a concession,	
not as a commandment. ⁷ For I wish that all men	
were even as I myself. But each one has his	
own gift from God, one in this manner and	
another in that.	
⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to the widows:	
It is good for them if they remain even as I am;	
⁹ but if they cannot exercise self-control, let	
them marry. For it is better to marry than to	
burn with passion.	
¹⁰ Now to the married I command, yet not I but	
the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her	
husband. ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her	
remain unmarried or be reconciled to her	
husband. And a husband is not to divorce his	
wife.	
¹² But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: 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 a woman who has a husband	
who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the	
unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife,	
and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the	
husband; otherwise your children would be	
unclean, but now they are holy. 15 But if the	
unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a	
sister is not under bondage in such cases. But	
God has called us to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you	
know, O wife, whether you will save your	
husband? Or how do you know, O husband,	
whether you will save your wife?	

the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I [1] ordain in all the churches. 18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters. 20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. 21 Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. 22 For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.	
25 Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. ²⁶ I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is: ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.	
²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, ³⁰ those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, ³¹ and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.	

³² But I want you to be without ^[b] care. He who is unmarried ^[c] cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. ³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. ³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband. ³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.	
³⁶ But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his ^[d] virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry. ³⁷ Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his ^[g] virgin, does well. ³⁸ So then he who gives ^[f] her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.	
³⁹ A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment—and I think I also have the Spirit of God.	TE they copid not exercise self-
Footnotes:	
 a. 1 Corinthians 7:17 direct b. 1 Corinthians 7:32 concern c. 1 Corinthians 7:32 is concerned about d. 1 Corinthians 7:36 Or virgin daughter e. 1 Corinthians 7:37 Or virgin daughter f. 1 Corinthians 7:38 NU his own virgin 	deperts? Frove word are set
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Questions for 1st Corinthians - Chapter 7

1.	What is said in the first verse of this chapter to let the reader know that a new				
	section of the book has be	egun?			
2.	One of the purposes for marriage is to avoid				
3.	Let the	render to his	the		
	due her, and likewise also	the	to her		
	The wife does not have _	1 10 2 W W 100	over her own	, but	
	the husband does. And li	kewise the	ti FD, and	does not have	
		over his own		, but the wife does.	
4.	Husbands and wives are except under what specif				
5.	What advice did Paul giv	ve to "the unmarried	d and to the wido	ws"?	
6.	What were the unmarried control?		if they could not	exercise self-	
7.	What did Paul command	"the married" to d	o? // // // // // // // // // // // // //		
	Was this just Paul's advice or the command of the Lord?				
8.	What did Paul instruct the willing to stay with that I	peliever?		<u> </u>	
9.	What is the believer to do				
	Is the believer given a rig			Prove your answer.	

10. What is the repeated instruction to those "called" in various situations as seen in verses 17-24?
11. Since this is given as a parallel to Paul's comments in verses 10-16, what must we conclude about the overall instruction here?
12. What "judgment" does Paul give to virgins in "the present distress"?
13. Are you to a wife? Do not seek to be
Are you from a wife? Do not a wife.
14. What is meant by "the time is short"?
15. How would having a wife cause an added concern and burden to a Christian man going through a time of severe persecution?
16. Give an example of a situation that may illustrate Paul's expressed desire under the circumstances that they might "serve the Lord without distraction."
17. If a Christian man is trying to decide whether to give a daughter in marriage in a time of great distress, what factors does Paul note that he must consider?
18. The wife whose husband dies is told by Paul that she "is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord." Does the term "only in the Lord" mean
only to a Christian? Is that instruction given at all times or in the
context of "the present distress"? Prove your answer.

Thought Question: Is there any passage in this chapter that gives the right for one to remarry after divorcing his or her spouse? Prove your answer.