

Chapter 7. Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to live a celibate life. Verse 2. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. Verse 3. The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. NLT

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Verse 4. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Verse 5. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer.

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Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. Verse 6. I say this as a concession, not as a command. Verse 7. But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. But God gives to some





















































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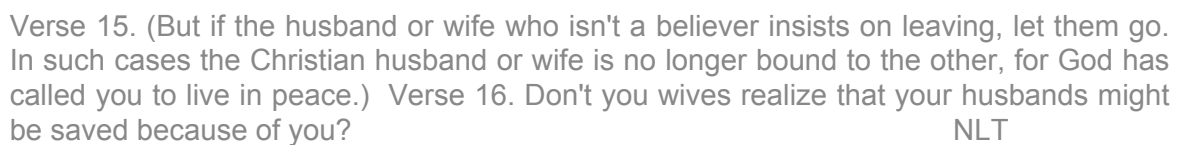
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Verse 12. Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a Christian man has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. Verse 13. And if a Christian woman has a husband who is not a believer

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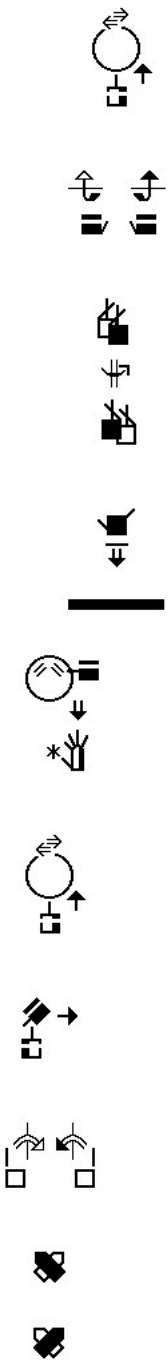
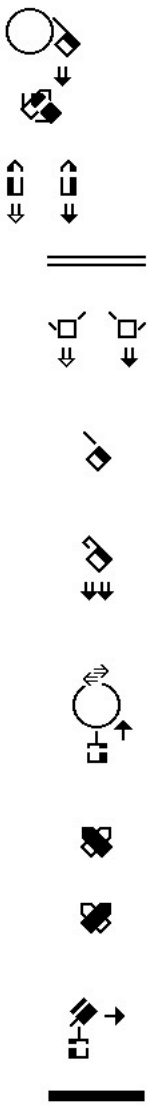
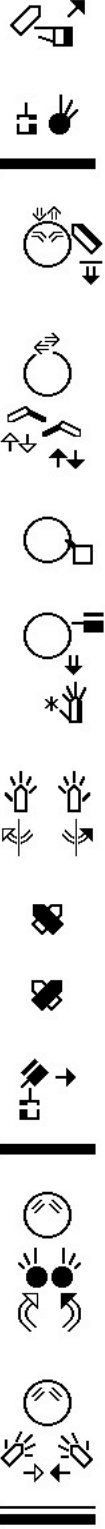
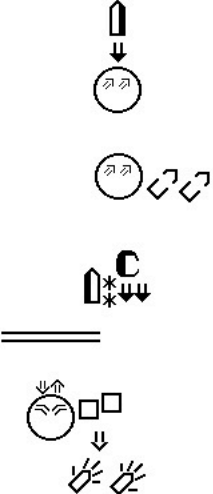
and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. Verse 14. For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy. NLT





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And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you? Verse 17. Each of you should continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you, and remain as you were when God first called you. This is my rule for all the churches. Verse 18. For instance, a man who was circumcised before he became a believer should

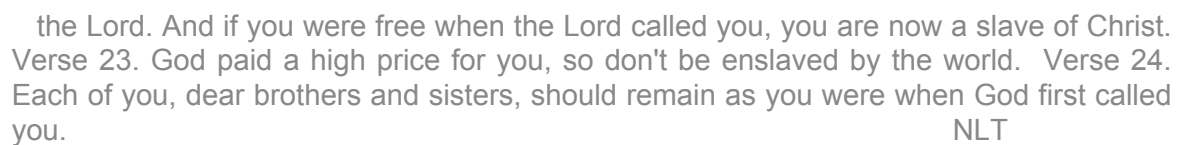
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
































77 not try to reverse it. And the man who was uncircumcised when he became a believer should not be circumcised now. Verse 19. For it makes no difference whether or not a man has been circumcised. The important thing is to keep God's commandments. NLT

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Verse 20. Yes, each of you should remain as you were when God called you. Verse 21. Are you a slave? Don't let that worry you -- but if you get a chance to be free, take it. Verse 22. And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in




























































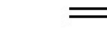






















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Verse 25. Now regarding your question about the young women who are not yet married. I do not have a command from the Lord for them. But the Lord in his mercy has given me wisdom that can be trusted, and I will share it with you. Verse 26. Because of the present crisis, I think it is best to remain as you are.

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Verse 27. If you have a wife, do not seek to end the marriage. If you do not have a wife, do not seek to get married. Verse 28. But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time NLT

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





















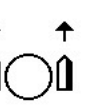


























will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems. Verse 29. But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. Verse 30. Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. NLT

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Verse 31. Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away. Verse 32. I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him.

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Verse 33. But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. Verse 34. His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But

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a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. Verse 35. I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. Verse 36. But if a man thinks that he's treating his fiancee improperly NLT

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and will inevitably give in to his passion, let him marry her as he wishes. It is not a sin. Verse 37. But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry. Verse 38. So the person who marries his fiancée does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better. NLT

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Verse 39. A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord. Verse 40. But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single, and I think I am giving you counsel from God's Spirit when I say this.

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