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SACRED SEXUALITY
Pastor Paul on Love, Sex, and Marriage
1 Corinthians 7:1-5
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1. The Background at Corinth

a. A Sex-Saturated Society

b. A Dualistic Worldview

Resulting in:

- Sexual Promiscuity
- Asceticism and Self-Denial

2. Paul's Affirmation of Singleness and Celibacy (v. 1)

a. Abstinence teaches self-control — a crucial lesson in life.

b. Singleness allows undistracted devotion to the Lord.

3. Paul's Affirmation of Sexual Expression in Marriage (vv. 2-5)

a. Sex was created by God for procreation and pleasure.

b. Sex is meant to be an act of love and service toward the other person.

- The wife for the husband
- The husband for the wife

c. Abstinence in marriage should be:

- Mutual
- Temporary
- For the purpose of spiritual growth

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