THE STEWARDSHIP OF SEXUALITY

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1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." 2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.

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4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

The Stewardship Of Sexuality For The Single Person

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• Abstinence Is Commendable, But Not Commanded

Abstinence Outside
 Of Marriage Is For
 The Purpose Of
 Holiness (1 Thess 4:3-8)

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; **Extramarital Sex Violates:**

God's Will

⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

- God's Will
- God's Possession Your Body

⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

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- God's Standard

⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

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- God's Possession Your Body
- God's Standard
- God's People

⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

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- God's People
- God's Call

⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

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- Sex Meets Each Others Needs
- Marital Abstinence Is Temporary
- Marital Abstinence Is Spiritual
- Marital Abstinence Is To Be Safeguarded

Conclusion: Be A Good Steward Of Your Singleness

- Guard Yourself With
 Precautions And Barriers
- Make Wise Choices (Prov 5:1-5; 7:4-8; Isa 56:4)
- Run Away From Tempting Situations (2 Tim 2:22; Gen 39:12-13; Prov 22:3)

Conclusion: Be A Good Steward Of Your Marriage

- Focus On Meeting Your Spouse's Greatest Need (Eph 5:33)
- Continue To Be In Awe Of Your Spouse (1 Pet 3:7)
- Thank God For The Gift Of Your Marriage (Gen 2:22; 1 Cor 7:2)