



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord help each person to reflect on their marriage and family, and how they might all improve the family unit. Inspire them with ideas for quality time and activities. Lord protect each family and person and bless and keep each one. Supply their needs and daily bread, in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## Scripture

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother has a wife that believes not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And the woman which has an husband that believes not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God has called us to peace. 16 For what know you, O wife, whether you shall save your husband? or how know you, O man, whether you shall save your wife? 1Pet 3:1;

**1 Corin. 7:12-16**

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They had written Paul, asking him if it was legitimate for Christians to marry. Strangely, they were on the one hand puffed up over the case of incest (5:2), yet they had scruples when it came to lawful marriage. Paul advises marriage for those who desire it. Paul himself was not married (v.\*). Some think that he may have been a widower and lost his wife while still young, for two reasons he voted in the Sanhedrin (Acts 26:10), for which marriage was a prerequisite; and this chapter seems to have been written by one who knew something of the intimacies of married life. Paul instructs the church members to marry if they are tempted by sexual desires so that they are not drawn into immoral behavior. He suggest, as a matter of permission not as a command, that married couples should not deprive themselves and each other of the marriage bed lest they allow Satan to tempt them to sin through their own lack of restraint of sexual desire. Paul urges the single church members and widows to remain single and celibate. Paul also addresses the church members who are married to unbelievers. He urges them to not divorce lest the children be raised outside of Christian influence and teaching. In these situations Paul encourages the believing spouses to conduct their lives in Christ's love and serve their spouses and others so as to lead the unbelieving spouses to the Lord. However if the unbelieving spouses leave the home, Paul instructs the church member to let them leave. In such cases, the believer and unbeliever were not morally bound to each other (1 Peter 3). (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 780-781)

The Corinthians had written to Paul for advice about marriage and physical relationships. The Corinthian society was evil and exerted an amoral influence on the people. Paul wanted to help the believers to resist the temptations of the world. It's better to marry than to burn with lust. A believing husband or wife sanctifies the home and the marriage. If a man was a servant when he became a Christian, he should continue in service unless the opportunity arose to purchase his freedom. If a man was free when he came to Christ, he should not sell himself into slavery. Paul felt that Christ would return soon and he didn't want the Christians to be involved in things of the world. Carefulness means worries. Paul realized that married people were distracted from service to God by their concerns for each other. He felt that if people could remain single, they would be spared the problems and worries of marriage and could devote themselves wholeheartedly to God. Paul reaffirmed that marriage is for life. Widows were free to remarry as long as they married Christians.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 84)

Some of this reminds us of today, huh? It is almost as if society is trying to destroy marriage. It seems as if a couple has problems they bolt for the door and start all over again with someone, thing is most of the time, they get right back into the same situations, usually. I know a woman that just finished her fourth marriage, each time one of the husbands did something she did not like, they were out the door. Of course there are three sides to every situation; his, hers and the main one God's. The biggest problem with marriage is well when we get married; I really like him/her but I don't like this or that, and I will change that when we get married.....Hello.....you cannot change anyone, only God can and they have to be willing to. So ....from that come constant wars, and sometimes yelling and screaming. Just bare this in mind, if the person is doing something you do not like, they will do it when you are married to. Look at your self and read 1 Corin. 13, if you put your name into that Scripture and it fits you are doing everything as the Scripture says, than put the other persons name in there is it a fit? If not you might need to rethink the situation. Two books we recommend, before marriage; "The Five Love Languages" Gary Chapman; "Fireproof Your Marriage" plus the workbook; also marriage counseling with your pastor before you get married.....as it is nothing like the fairy tales....or movies.....it is hard work and probably the hardest job in love that you will ever have in your life.....and it is otherness, not me ness.....

## 1 Corin. 13

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. Matt 7:22; Rom 12:7; Matt 17:20; Matt 21:21; Mark 11:23; Luke 17:6; 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing.

4 Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity brags not itself, is not puffed up, Prov 10:12; 1Pet 4:8; 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; 1Cor 10:24; Phil 2:4; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 2John 1:4; 7 Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

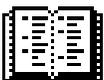
8 Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 2Cor 3:18;

13 And now stays faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

(KJV Scripture; Amplified Bible Scripture and study notes; Joyce Meyers; 2005; pages 1855-1857)

### **Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light  
unto my path.**



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