

1 CORINTHIANS

Correcting the Church

“The Delightful Duty of Marital Sex”

INTRO: *Paul entered the third division of his epistle, one that addressed specific questions from the Church at Corinth (difficulties). This first study introduces a larger dialogue about marriage.*

I. Sexual Intimacy is an _____ part of God’s design for _____. *God created marriage for procreation, pleasure, and to be a “picture.”*

II. The _____ of sexual intimacy in marriage can be _____. *Pretentious piety and weaponization are two ways this can happen. These may have contributed to the immorality occurring among the men in Corinth (6:12-20).*

III. _____ in the _____ of sexual intimacy in Christian _____ (7:1-9). *Paul mentioned 3 reasons why Believers should celebrate God’s gift of sexual intimacy in marriage.*

A. _____.
*Marriage is the only **divinely blessed outlet** for our God-given sexual appetite as humans.*

B. _____.
*In the Bible’s view, marital intimacy is both a **privilege** and **obligation** for **both** husband **and** wife.*

C. _____.
*The best way we show appreciation for any gift is by **enjoying that gift** in the presence of the one who gave it.*