

Principles of Marriage

7 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me:

de peri os graphō egō
1161 4012 3739 1125 3427

^aIt is good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because
kalos anthrōpos mē aptō gynē de dia
2570 444 3361 680 1135 1161 1223

of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let
o pornē ekastos echō o autos gynē kai
3588 4202 1538 2192 3588 1438 1135 2532

each woman have her own husband. ^{3b} Let the husband render to
ekastos echō o idios anēr o anēr o opheilō
1538 2192 3588 2398 435 3588 435 3588 3784

his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her
o gynē nous didōmi de omoios kai o gynē
3588 1135 2133 591 1161 3668 2532 3588 1135

husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but
o anēr o gynē ou ousia o idios sōma allos
3588 435 3588 1135 3756 1850 3588 2398 4983 235

the husband does. And likewise • the husband does not have
o anēr de omoios kai o anēr ou
3588 435 1161 3668 2532 3588 435 3756

authority over his own body, but the wife does. ^{5c} Do not deprive
ousia o idios sōma allos o gynē mē strephō
1850 3588 2398 4983 235 3588 1135 3361 650

one another except • • with consent for a time, that you may give
allos ei mē tis an ek phōnē pros kairos ina scholē
240 1487 3361 1510 302 1537 4859 4314 2540 2443 4980

yourselves to fasting and prayer ; and come together • • •
o esthiō kai o euchomai kai erchomai epi o autos
3588 3521 2532 3588 4335 2532 4905 1909 3588 846

again so that ^d Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of
palin ina o Satan mē peira sy dia sy o kratos
3825 2443 3588 4567 3361 3985 5209 1223 5216 3588 192

self-control. ⁶ But I say this as a concession, ^e not as a
de legō outos kata ginōskō ou kata
1161 3004 5124 2596 4774 3756 2596

commandment. ⁷ For ^fI wish that all men were even as I myself.
tassō gar thelō pas anthrōpos eimi kai ōs autos egō
2003 1063 2309 3956 444 1511 2532 5613 1683

But each one has his own gift from God, one • in this manner
allos ekastos echō idios chairō ek theos os men outos
235 1538 2192 2398 5486 1537 2316 3739 3303 3779

and another in that.

de os outos
1161 3739 3779

⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: ^gIt is good for them
de legō o gamos kai o chēra eimi kalos autos
1161 3004 3588 22 2532 3588 5503 2076 2570 846

if they remain even as I am; ⁹ but ^h if they cannot exercise
ei an menō ōs kai egō de ei ou kratōs
1437 3306 5613 2504 1161 1487 3756 1467

self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn
gamos gar eimi kratōs gamos ē pyr
1060 1063 2076 2908 1060 2228 4448

with passion.

Keep Your Marriage Vows

¹⁰ Now to the married I command, yet not I but the ⁱLord: ^jA wife is
de o gamos angelos ou egō allos o kyrios gynē
1161 3588 1060 3853 3756 1473 235 3588 2962 1135

not to depart from *her* husband. ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her
mē chōris apo anēr de kai ei an chōris
3361 5563 575 435 1161 2532 1437 5563

remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is
menō gamos ē allos o anēr kai anēr
3306 22 2228 2644 3588 435 2532 435

not to divorce *his* wife.

iēmi mē gynē
863 3361 1135

¹² But to the rest I , not the Lord , say : If any brother has a wife
de o leipō egō ou o kyrios legō ei tis adelphos echō gynē
1161 3588 3062 1473 3756 3588 2962 3004 1487 5100 80 2192 1135

who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him
pisteuō kai outos dokeō oikos meta autos
571 2532 846 3778 4909 3611 3326 846

not divorce her . ¹³ And a woman who has a husband who does not
mē iēmi autos kai gynē os tis echō anēr pisteuō
3361 863 846 2532 1135 3748 2192 435 571

believe • , if he is willing to live with her , let her not divorce him .
kai autos dokeō oikos meta autos mē iēmi autos
2532 846 4909 3611 3326 846 3361 863 846

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the
gar o o pisteuō anēr agios en o gynē kai o
1063 3588 3588 571 435 37 1722 3588 1135 2532 3588

unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise ^kyour •
o pisteuō gynē agios en o anēr epi sy ara
3588 571 1135 37 1722 3588 435 1893 5216 686

children would be unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the
o teknon eimi katharos de nyn eimi agios de ei o
3588 5043 2076 169 1161 3568 2076 40 1161 1487 3588

unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not
pisteuō chōris chōris o adelphos ē o adelphos ou
571 5563 5563 3588 80 2228 3588 79 3756

under bondage in such cases. But God has called us ^l to peace.
doulos en o o outos de o theos kaleō egō en eirēnē
1402 1722 3588 5108 1161 3588 2316 2564 2248 1722 1515

¹⁶ For how do you know, O wife, whether you will ^msave your husband?
gar tis oida gynē ei sōzō o anēr
1063 5101 1492 1135 1487 4982 3588 435

Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife ?
ē tis oida anēr ei sōzō o gynē
2228 5101 1492 435 1487 4982 3588 1135

Live as You are Called

¹⁷ But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has
 ei mē ōs o theos meros ekastos ōs o kyrios
 1487 3361 5613 3588 2316 3307 1538 5613 3588 2962
 called each one, so let him walk. And ⁿ so I ¹ordain in all the
 kaleō ekastos outos pateō kai outos tassō en pas o
 2564 1538 3779 4043 2532 3779 1299 1722 3956 3588
 churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become
 kaleō tis kaleō tomos mē spaō
 1577 5100 2564 4059 3361 1986
 uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? ^oLet him not
 tis kaleō en akron mē
 5100 2564 1722 203 3361
 be circumcised. ¹⁹ ^pCircumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is
 tomos o tomos eimi de ou kai o akron eimi
 4059 3588 4061 2076 3762 2532 3588 203 2076
 nothing, but ^qkeeping the commandments of God is *what matters*. ²⁰ Let
 de ou allos tēreō entolē theos
 3762 235 5084 1785 2316
 each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.
 ekastos menō en outos o kaleō en os kaleō
 1538 3306 1722 3778 3588 2821 1722 3739 2564
²¹ Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned • about it; but
 kaleō doulos mē melei sy allos
 2564 1401 3361 3199 4671 235
 if • you can be made free , rather use *it*. ²² For he who
 ei kai dynamai ginomai eleutheros mallon chraomai gar o
 1487 2532 1410 1096 1658 3123 5530 1063 3588
 is called in the Lord *while* a slave is ^rthe Lord's freedman. Likewise
 kaleō en kyrios doulos eimi kyrios eleutheros omoios
 2564 1722 2962 1401 2076 2962 558 3668

¹ direct

• he who is called *while* free is ^sChrist's slave. ²³ ^tYou were
 kai o kaleō eleutheros eimi Christos doulos
 2532 3588 2564 1658 2076 5547 1401
 bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ Brethren, let
 agorazō timē mē ginomai doulos anthrōpos adelphos
 59 5092 3361 1096 1401 444 80
 each one remain with ^u God in that *state* in which he was called.
 ekastos menō para o theos en outos en os kaleō
 1538 3306 3844 3588 2316 1722 5129 1722 3739 2564

To the Unmarried and Widows

²⁵ Now concerning virgins : ^vI have no commandment from the
 de peri o parthenos echō ou tassō
 1161 4012 3588 3933 2192 3756 2003
 Lord; yet I give judgment as one ^wwhom • the Lord in His mercy
 kyrios de didōmi ginōskō ōs ypo kyrios eleos
 2962 1161 1325 1106 5613 5259 2962 1653
has made ^xtrustworthy. ²⁶ I suppose therefore that this is good because
 eimi pisteuō nomos oun outos kalos dia
 1511 4103 3543 3767 5124 2570 1223
 of the present distress—^ythat it is good for a man to remain as
 o istēmi anankē oti kalos anthrōpos archō o outos
 3588 1764 318 3754 2570 444 5225 3588 3779
 he is : ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you
 eimi deō gynē mē zēteō lyō
 1511 1210 1135 3361 2212 3080
 loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But even if you do marry,
 lyō apo gynē mē zēteō gynē de kai ei an gamos
 3089 575 1135 3361 2212 1135 1161 2532 1437 1060
 you have not sinned ; and if a virgin marries, she has not
 ou amartanō kai ei an o parthenos gamos ou
 3756 264 2532 1437 3588 3933 1060 3756
 sinned . Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I
 amartanō de o o outos echō thlibō o sarx de egō
 264 1161 3588 5108 2192 2347 3588 4561 1161 1473

would spare you.

pheidomai sy
5339 5216

²⁹ But ^z this I say , brethren • , the time is short, so that
de outos phēmi adelphos oti o kairos eimi stellō ina
1161 5124 5346 80 3754 3588 2540 2076 4958 2443

from now on even those who have wives should be as though they
o leipō kai o echō gynē eimi ōs
3588 3063 2532 3588 2192 1135 5600 5613

had none, ³⁰ • those who weep as though they did not weep • , those
echō mē kai o klaiō ōs mē klaiō kai o
2192 3361 2532 3588 2799 5613 3361 2799 2532 3588

who rejoice as though they did not rejoice • , those who buy as
chairō ōs mē chairō kai o agorazō ōs
5463 5613 3361 5463 2532 3588 59 5613

though they did not possess, ³¹ and those who use this world as
mē echō kai o chraomai outos o kosmos ōs
3361 2722 2532 3588 5530 5129 3588 2889 5613

not ^amisusing it. For ^bthe form of this world is passing away.

mē chraomai gar o echō outos o kosmos agō
3361 2710 1063 3588 4976 5127 3588 2889 3855

³² But I want you to be without ²care. ^c He who is unmarried
de thelō sy eimi merimnaō o gamos
1161 2309 5209 1511 275 3588 22

³ cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.
merimnaō o o kyrios pōs areskō o kyrios
3309 3588 3588 2962 4459 700 3588 2962

³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how
de o gamos merimnaō o o kosmos pōs
1161 3588 1060 3309 3588 3588 2889 4459

he may please *his* wife . ³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a
areskō o gynē meros o gynē kai
700 3588 1135 3307 3588 1135 2532

² concern

³ is concerned about

virgin . The unmarried woman ^d cares about the things of the
o parthenos o gamos merimnaō o o
3588 3933 3588 22 3309 3588 3588

Lord , that she may be holy both in body and in spirit . But she who is
kyrios ina eimi agios kai sōma kai pneuma de o
2962 2443 5600 40 2532 4983 2532 4151 1161 3588

married cares about the things of the world —how she may please
gamos merimnaō o o kosmos pōs areskō
1060 3309 3588 3588 2889 4459 700

her husband. ³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may
o anēr de outos legō pros o sy autos pherō ou ina
3588 435 1161 5124 3004 4314 3588 5216 846 4851 3756 2443

put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve
ballō brochos sy allos pros o echō kai edraios
1911 1029 5213 235 4314 3588 2158 2532 2145

the Lord without distraction.
o kyrios spaō
3588 2962 563

³⁶ But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his
de ei tis nomos echō epi autos
1161 1487 5100 3543 807 1909 846

⁴ virgin , if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must
o parthenos ei an eimi akron kai outos opheilō
3588 3933 1437 5600 5230 2532 3779 3784

be , let him do what he wishes. He does not sin ; let them
ginomai poieō os thelō ou amartanō
1096 4160 3739 2309 3756 264

marry. ³⁷ Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart , having
gamos de os istēmi edraios en o kardia echō
1060 1161 3739 2476 1476 1722 3588 2588 2192

no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so
mē anankē de echō ousia peri o idios thelō kai outos
3361 318 1161 2192 1849 4012 3588 2398 2307 2532 5124

⁴ Or *virgin daughter*

determined in his heart that he will keep his ⁵ virgin , does
krinō en autos o kardia o tēreō o autos parthenos poieō
2919 1722 846 3588 2588 3588 5083 3588 1438 3933 4160

well. ^{38e} So then • he who gives ⁶her in marriage does well, but he
kalos ōs te kai o gamos poieō kalos de o
2573 5620 25323588 1547 4160 2573 1161 3588

who does not give her in marriage does better.

mē gamos poieō kratōs
3361 1547 4160 2908

^{39f}A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if
gynē deō nomos epi osos chronos autos o anēr zaō de ei an
1135 1210 3551 1909 3745 5550 846 3588 435 2198 1161 1437

her husband dies , she is at liberty to be married to whom she
autos o anēr keimai eimi eleutheros gamos os
846 3588 435 2837 2076 1658 1060 3739

wishes, ^g only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ But she is happier if she remains
thelō monos en kyrios de eimi makarios ei an menō
2309 3440 1722 2962 1161 2076 3107 1437 3306

as she is, ^h according to my judgment—and ⁱ I think I also have
outos kata o egō ginōskō de dokeō kai egō echō
3779 2596 3588 1699 1106 1161 1380 2504 2192

the Spirit of God.

pneuma theos
4151 2316

⁵ Or *virgin daughter*

⁶ NU *his own virgin*