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DIVORCE, REMARRIAGE,
BEING SINGLE, AND
CONTENTMENT

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Text: 1 Corinthians 7

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- 1. Divorce Among Christians
Should Be Extremely Rare
and for Biblical Reasons
(*vv10-11*)**

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1 Cor. 7:10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband

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11 (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

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2. Divorced Christians Who
Were Abandoned are Innocent
(*vv12-16*)

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¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her.

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¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

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¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

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15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

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¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

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3. Be Content With Your Situation in Christ

(v17, 20, 24, 26-28, 39-40)

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17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

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**20 Each one should
remain in the condition
in which he was called.**

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24 So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

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26 I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is.

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²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

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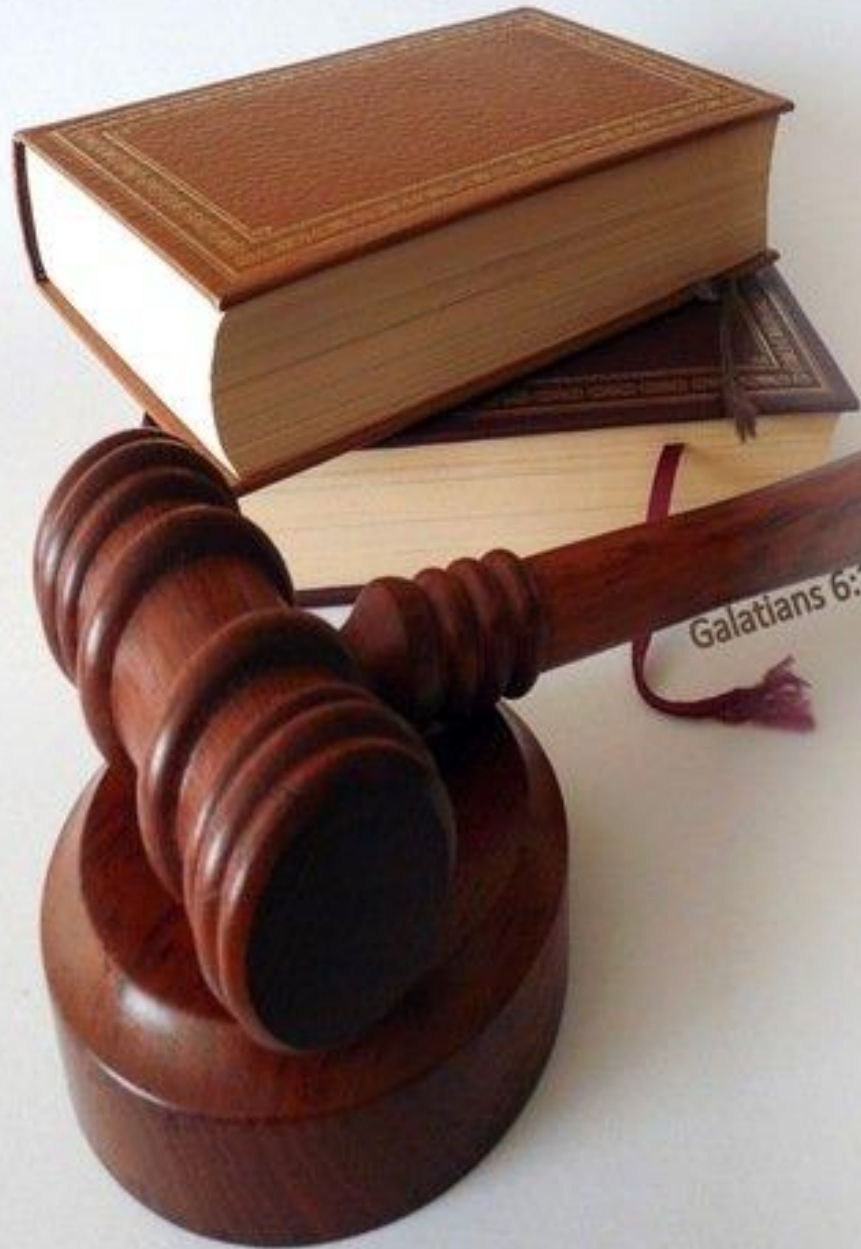
28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.

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³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

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40 Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.



**BROTHERS, IF SOMEONE IS
CAUGHT IN A SIN, YOU WHO
ARE SPIRITUAL SHOULD
RESTORE HIM GENTLY. BUT
WATCH YOURSELF, OR YOU
ALSO MAY BE TEMPTED.
CARRY EACH OTHER'S
BURDENS, AND IN THIS
WAY YOU WILL FULFILL
THE LAW OF CHRIST**