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## Growing Pains

### 1 Corinthians 7

**1 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)**

**1** Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.

**1 Corinthians 7:19 (NIV)**

**19** Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts.

**Seek to discern the principles and character of God and His Word.**

**1 Corinthians 7:26 (NIV)**

**26** Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for you to remain as you are.

**1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)**

**17** Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.

**1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NIV)**

**9** I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people--  
**10** not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

**John 17:15-18 (NIV)**

**15** My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

**16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

**17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

**18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

**In most cases, God wants us to bloom where we are planted.**

**1 Corinthians 7:22 (NIV)**

**<sup>22</sup> For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave.**

**1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV)**

**<sup>35</sup> I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.**

**Bottom Line:**

**Make the choices necessary to live in undivided devotion to the Lord.**