Principles of Marriage

- The Purpose of Marriage (7:1-9, Genesis 2:20-24)
- Biblical Mandates for Divorce and Remarriage (7:10-11, Matthew 19:3-9)
- Biblical Concessions for Divorce and Remarriage (7:11-16,Matthew 19:10-12, Romans 12:2)
  - 7:12) But to the rest I, not the Lord, say
  - It means Paul is using apostolic authority rather than a Biblical norms here
  - It is a concession, adhering as much as possible to Biblical norms while adapting to hard conditions of the Fall
- Both Paul and Moses give concessions
  - Moses gave liberal concessions
  - Paul gave conservative concessions
  - Not to be applied by the individual but by the Church to deal with hard cases.
  - I.e a woman fleeing an abusive husband who is trying to kill her
- (7:11-16,Matthew 19:10-12, Romans 12:2)
- Concession should always point back to the Biblical norm, not to accommodation.
- Never accommodation, and always in community and only done when strict adherence causes more harm
- Warning Against Excessive Worldy Desire to Change (7:17-24)
- The Virtue of Chastity and the Challenge of Marriage (7:25-40)