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Lesson #7 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Sexuality (I Corinthians 7)

Introduction: We are in a series entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in Corinth... Paul called the brethren "saints" (**I Corinthians 1:2**). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on positive things. Today we will talk about how to overcome problems regarding sexuality, which ties in to the previous 2 chapters. Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 7. Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is The Problem?

- The world embraces divorce.
I Corinthians 7:1-16, Malachi 2:16, Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-12, Romans 7:2-3
- The world embraces division.
I Corinthians 7:17-24, 14:33, Galatians 3:27-28, Romans 16:7-18, I Timothy 4:3
- The world embraces desire.
I Corinthians 7:25-40, Galatians 5:19-21, James 1:15, I John 2:16, Jude 16-19

II. How Can We Overcome It?

- Christians must exercise discipline (self-control).
I Corinthians 7:5, 8-9, 9:25, Galatians 5:23, II Timothy 3:3, II Peter 1:6
- Christians must exercise discretion.
I Corinthians 7:19, 24, Matthew 7:1-5, James 5:20, I Peter 4:8, Jude 22-23
- Christians must exercise determination.
I Corinthians 7:37, Job 31:1-7, Romans 7:1-6, Ephesians 5:5-6, Hebrews 13:4

Conclusion: Relationships are tough. Marriage is sacred. Divorce is painful. The sexual problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to learn the benefits of holiness. Saints can overcome problems with sexuality. We need to redirect our focus toward Jesus Christ. Are you choosing worldliness or godliness? Are you seeking the will of God? We are Saints. We can overcome.