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**Definitions**

**(1)to abstain**-567 *apechomai* (ap-ekh'-om-ah-ee); middle voice (reflexively) of 568; to hold oneself off, i.e. refrain: KJV-- abstain.

**(2)from meats**-1033 *broma* (bro'-mah); from the base of 977; food (literally or figuratively), especially (ceremonially) articles allowed or forbidden by the Jewish law: KJV-- meat, victuals, what is eaten, food.

**(3)which God hath created to be received**-3336 *metalepsis* (met-al'-ape-sis); from 3335; participation: KJV-- taking...3335 *metalambano* (met-al-am-ban'-o); from 3326 and 2983; to participate; genitive case to accept (and use): KJV-- eat, have, be partaker, receive, take.

**(4)with thanksgiving**-2169 *eucharistia* (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah); from 2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): KJV-- thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

**(5)of them which believe and know**-1921 *epiginosko* (ep-ig-in-occe'-ko); from 1909 and 1097; to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; by implication, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge: KJV-- (ac-, have, take) know (-ledge, well), perceive, to know thoroughly, to know accurately, to know well d) to know, that is, to understand.

**(6)The truth**-**John 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**. (KJV)

**1 Tim 4:3 ... Forbidding to marry, (KJV)**

**1 Cor 7:27-40**

**27 (1)Art thou bound (2)unto a wife? (3)seek not (4)to be loosed. (5)Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28** But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. **29** But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; **30** And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; **31** And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. **32** But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: **33** But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may

please his wife. **34** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **35** And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. **36** But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his (\*)**virgin**, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry. **37** Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his (\*)**virgin**, doeth well. **38** So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better. **39** The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. **40** But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. (KJV)

### Definitions

**(1)Art thou bound**-1210 deo (deh'-o); a primary verb; to bind (in various applications, literally or figuratively), 1) to bind tie, to fasten a) to bind, to fasten with chains, to throw into chains b) metaphorically: 2) to bind, to put under obligation, used of the law, duty etc. to be bound to one, a wife, a husband: KJV -- bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind.

**(2)unto a wife**-1135 gune-1) a woman of any age, whether a virgin, or married, or a widow 2) a wife; used of a betrothed woman

**(3)seek** not-2212 zeteo-1) to seek in order to find a) to seek a thing b) to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into c) to seek after, to seek for, to aim at, to strive after 2) to seek, that is, to require, to demand, to crave, to demand something from someone

**(4)to be loosed**-3089 luo (loo'-o); a primary verb; to "loosen" (literally or figuratively): KJV-- break (up), destroy, dissolve, (un-) loose, melt, put off. Compare 4486.

**(5)Art thou loosed** from a wife? seek not a wife-3080 luis (loo'-sis); from 3089; a loosening, i.e. (specifically) divorce: KJV-- to be loosed.

(\*)**virgin**-3933 parthenos-1) a virgin a) a marriageable maiden b) a woman who has never had sexual intercourse with a man c) one's marriageable daughter 2) a man who has abstained from all uncleanness and whoredom attendant on idolatry, and so has kept his chastity (virginity) one who has never had intercourse with women.

**Heb 13:4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. (KJV)

**1 Tim 4:3 ... to abstain from meats,** (KJV)

**Rom 14:1-3**

**1** Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. **2** For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. **3** Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. **4** Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. (KJV)

**Rom 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

**1 Cor 8:7-13**

**7** Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. **8** But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. **9** But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. **10** For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; **11** And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? **12** But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. **13** Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. (KJV)

**Col 2:20-23**

**20** Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, **21** (Touch not; taste not; handle not; **22** Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **23** Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. (KJV)

**Heb 13:8-9**

**8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. **9** Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. (KJV)

**1 Tim 4:3 ... which God hath created to be received (KJV)**

**Gen 1:29-31**

**29** And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; **to you it shall be for meat.** **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. **31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (KJV)

**Acts 10:9-16**

**9** On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: **10** And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, **11** And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: **12** Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. **13** And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. **14** But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. **15** And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. **16** This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. (KJV)

**1 Cor 6:11-13**

**11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. **12** All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. **13** Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. (KJV)

### **Gal 2:11-13**

**11** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. **12** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. **13** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. **14** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? **15** We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, **16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. **17** But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. **18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (KJV)

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