

# Singleness: Blessing Or Bane?

Marriage, Sexuality And Singleness | Part 4 of 6

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*Text: 1 Corinthians 7:1-2, 17-40, Matthew 19:10-12*

*Big Idea: Whether married or single, God wants us to live with undivided devotion to Him and His Kingdom cause.*



1 Corinthians 7:1, "Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry."

1 Corinthians 7:2, "But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband."

1 Corinthians 7:6-8, "I say this as a concession, not as a command. 7 I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. 8 Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am."

1 Corinthians 7:9, "But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion."

**Paul challenges us to be as free as possible from worldly concerns so we can have an ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE!**

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."

20, "Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him."

24, "Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to."

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

27, "Are you married? Do not seek a divorce. Are you unmarried? Do not look for a wife."

"If you ask me 'how can I work the best for Jesus' I would say 'stay single'. But if you ask me 'how can I become the most like Jesus' I would say 'get married.'" Gary Thomas

1 Corinthians 9:5, "Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?"

Matthew 19:12b, "Others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

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