

REDEEMED

God's Design for Sex, Marriage, and Singleness

Lesson Four • 1Corinthians 7:25-38

Singleness Redeemed for Radical Devotion

Guard Against Idolatry

Don't look to marriage or singleness for your IDENTITY.
Identity is not found in our marital status but in our redemptive status.

Good Advice to Singles

You are free in Christ to consider MARRIAGE one of your goals
or to consider SINGLENESS your assignment from the Lord.

*Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment
as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. 1Corinthians 7:25*

*But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned.
1Corinthians 7:28*

Let him do what he wishes; he does not sin; let them marry. 1Corinthians 7:36

*So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not
give her in marriage does better. 1Corinthians 7:38*

*And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper,
and that you may serve the Lord without distraction. 1Corinthians 7:35*

Redeeming Singleness for Radical Devotion

1. Recognize the ASSURANCES of Being Single!

Divine Assurances of Singleness

- Singleness is GOOD.

*But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even
as I am. 1Corinthians 7:8*

*I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good
for a man to remain as he is. 1Corinthians 7:26*

- Singleness is God's GIFT.

*For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one his his own gift from
God, one in this manner and another in that. 1Corinthians 7:7*

- Singleness is for God's GLORY.

2. Maximize the ADVANTAGES of Being Single!

Missional Advantages of Singleness

- More freedom to COPE with present distress and pressures.

*I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good
for a man to remain as he is: Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed.
Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But even if you do marry, you have
not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have
trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you. 1Corinthians 7:26-28*

- More freedom to MAINTAIN an eternal perspective and priorities.

*But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have
wives should be as though they had none, those who weep as though they did not
weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though
they did not possess, and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form
of this world is passing away. 1Corinthians 7:29-31*

- More freedom to SERVE the Lord with undivided affection and attention.

*But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the
Lord—how he may please the Lord. But he who is married cares about the things
of the world—how he may please his wife. There is a difference between a wife and
a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be
holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the
world—how she may please her husband. And this I say for your own profit, not that
I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord
without distraction. 1Corinthians 7:32-35*

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If you're single, use God's gift of singleness for God's glory.