



## Happily Unmarried I Corinthians 7

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Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.

I say this as a concession, not as a command. 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. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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.

#### I. The Encouragement of Good Grace.

##### I Corinthians 7:7 (TLB)

“We are all not the same. God gives some the gift of a husband or wife, and others He gives the gift of being happily unmarried.”

#### II. The Expectation of Full Freedom

Verse 28, 32-35 -- But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this. I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs — how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world — how he can please his wife — and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world — how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

- The Problems of the Flesh
- The Passing of the World
- The Preoccupation of Marriage

#### III. The Essential of Growing Godliness.

Verse 35 — “I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.”

- Be Complete

Colossians 2:6,9-10 (NASB)

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, . . . For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete.

- Be Content

Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)

For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. I can do everything through him who gives me strength

- Be Controlled

Verse 8-9 – “Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.”

- Be Committed