

1 Corinthians 7:25-40 - Reasons for Staying Single

- Considering the Present Distress v. 25-27
 - Virginitly and Singleness are good
 - Especially under the current times of growing persecution
 - But not so if you're married
 - Do not seek to be released from marriage
 - If you are 'properly' released from marriage
 - Don't seek a marriage
- The Problems of the flesh v. 28
 - Marriage is ALWAYS a legitimate option 2 Cor. 6:14
 - Consider the option of singleness too
 - Marriage has its problems and pressures
 - This is Paul's practical advice not spiritual dogma
- The Passing of the world v. 29-31
 - Marriage is not permanent (eternal). Matt. 22:30
 - Marriages are made in heaven but they don't carry over to heaven. Col. 3:2
 - Biblical Principal: This world and all that it is, is passing away, don't get attached to it, materially or in any other way
- The Preoccupations of marriage v. 32-35
 - Marriage forces one to be concerned with things of this world
 - Pleasing and loving one another
 - Being subject to one another
 - Providing for one another
 - Children and Family
 - Married believers have divided their attentions
 - Singleness allows for undistracted devotion to the LORD
- The Promise of Fathers v. 36-38
 - In an era and time of arranged marriage
 - Fathers (Christian) would sometimes devote their daughters to the Lord
 - Paul says that is good if the daughter agrees and doesn't want to marry
- The Permanent state of marriage v. 39-40
 - Marriage is not eternal—it is however life long
 - Marriage is a bond/covenant that is broken only by death, adultery, and divorce instigated by an unbelieving spouse
 - Remaining single upon the death of a spouse or proper divorce should produce a happiness and freedom that allows a fuller devotion to God/Christ Jesus