

**"SINGLE MINDEDNESS"**

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

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**Introduction:** Once again in our passage this evening Paul will be handling concerns surrounding marriage that had been sent to him in a letter from the church in Corinth. Many young people live their lives in anticipation of one day getting married, gearing their lives to that goal. Often their thinking is, "To be married is to live happily ever after – not be married is to live a life not worth living." Whether married or single there is something greater than marriage, and there is something greater than being single and that is to **serve the Lord with a single mindedness**. In giving his advice Paul will give three reasons why he thinks, under the present circumstances, that it would be expedient to remain single thereby enabling them to serve the Lord without distraction. Paul will also address fathers with daughters of marriageable age and then he will discuss whether a widow should remarry. In every case, whether to marry or to remain single, Paul will give his preference but it is never a matter of right and wrong but of expediency and personal choice.

**I. APOSTOLIC ADVICE TO \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:25-35**  
*"IT IS GOOD FOR A MAN TO REMAIN AS HE IS" v. 26b*

**A. BECAUSE – OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRESS – vvs. 25-28**

**B. BECAUSE –THE \_\_\_\_\_ IS SHORT – vvs. 29-31**

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*ALL THE WORLD IS A STAGE  
AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS*

C. BECAUSE – YOU MAY SERVE THE LORD WITHOUT \_\_\_\_\_ – 32-35

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II. APOSTOLIC ADVICE TO \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:36-38  
*"HE WHO DOES NOT GIVE HER IN MARRIAGE DOES BETTER" v. 38*

III. APOSTOLIC ADVICE TO \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:39-40  
*"BUT SHE IS HAPPIER IF SHE REMAINS AS SHE IS" v. 39*

CONCLUSION: