

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7: 29-40

OPEN: REMAIN THE SAME

**VS 28] BEING SINGLE OR MARRIED ISN'T A SIN**

**PAUL'S WISDOM ON NOT BEING MARRIED**

**TRYING TO SPARE YOU = THE PRESENT DISTRESS**

**VS 29-32] PAUL WASN'T SAYING DON'T CARE FOR THE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE INCLUDING YOUR MARRIAGE**

### **TIME HAS BEEN SHORTENED = 3 WAYS TO UNDERSTAND THIS**

**1] CORPORATELY = THROUGHOUT TIME GOD'S PEOPLE WAS TO LIVE AS IF YESHUA COULD COME TOMORROW [BY DESIGN]**

**OLDEST PROPHECY OF MESSIAH 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING [BOOK OF ENOCH]**

**2] AS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS EVERYDAY THAT PASSES BRINGS US CLOSER TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR SALVATION**

**ROM 13:10-11 [ESV]**

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

**3] THEOLOGICALLY**

**REV 12:12**

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

**ALL 3 FIT THE CONTEXT. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN YESHUA WILL RETURN SO LIVE FOR HIM NOW AS HIS CHURCH. EACH PASSING DAY AS A BELIEVER YOU GET CLOSER TO GOING HOME SO LIVE FOR HIM AS YOUR LORD. BECAUSE SATAN KNOWS HIS TIME IS SHORT STRENGTH YOUR FAITH BEFORE YOU ARE UNDER ATTACK.**

**1] VS 29 UNDER THEIR PRESENT DISTRESS YOUR SPOUSE CAN BE TAKEN AWAY**

**2] VS 30 THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU WEEP IN THIS LIFE DON'T LET IT BRING YOU DOWN FOR YOUR TIME IS SHORT**

**3] VS 30 THE THINGS THAT YOU REJOICE OVER DON'T HOLD ON TO TIGHTLY FOR THE TIME IS SHORT**

**4] VS 31 DON'T TRY AND GET ALL THAT YOU CAN OUT OF THIS WORLD FOR IT WILL SHORTLY DISAPPEAR**

**WE SHOULD NOT LIVE AS IF OUR EARTHLY FAMILY AND CONCERNS WAS ALL THAT MATTERED, BUT ALSO LIVE WITH AN EYE TO ETERNITY.**

**VS 32-35] IF GOD HAS ASSIGNED AND CALLED YOU TO MARRIAGE VS 17 DON'T TREAT IT AS BURDEN**

**VS 34 GETTING MARRIED KNOW THAT YOU HAVE JUST TAKEN ON MORE CONCERNS OF THIS LIFE AND HAVE TO DIVIDED YOUR TIME BETWEEN YOUR SPOUSE & THE LORD**

**UNDISTRACTED DEVOTION TO THE LORD = BEING MARRIED OR BEING SINGLE IS NOT SIN....BUT BEING SINGLE IS BETTER IN SERVING THE LORD BOTH BODY & SPIRIT = DOES SHE BECOME UNHOLY BY BEING MARRIED? NO**

*Paul's reason for explaining these things is not to forbid marriage, but to put it into an eternal perspective. He isn't putting a leash on anyone; he merely shares from his own heart and experience.*

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**VS 36-37] NASB 2020, NKJV, NIV, NLT DO A BETTER JOB IN TRANSLATING THIS PASSAGE**

**VIRGIN** = par-then'-os = a marriageable maiden, a woman who has never had sexual intercourse with a man, one's marriageable daughter, a man who has abstained from all uncleanness and whoredom attendant on idolatry, and so has kept his chastity ,one who has never had intercourse with women

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36] But if anyone thinks that he is acting dishonorably toward his virgin, if she is past her youth and it ought to be so, let him do what he wishes, he is not sinning; let them marry.  
37] But the one who stands firm in his heart, if he is not under constraint, but has authority over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin, **he will do well.**

38] So then, both the one who gives his own virgin in marriage does well, **and the one who does not give her in marriage will do better.**

**1 COR 7:36-38 NIV**

36] If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married.

37] But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing.

38] So then, **he who marries the virgin does right**, but he who does not marry her does better.

**1 COR 7:36-38 [NLT]**

36] But if a man thinks that he's treating his fiancée improperly and will inevitably give in to his passion, let him marry her as he wishes. It is not a sin.

37] But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry.

38] So, the person who marries his fiancée does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better.

**1 COR 7:36-38 [NKJV]**

36] But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.

37] Nevertheless, he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.

38] So, then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.

**FOR PAUL, THE CHOICE BETWEEN MARRIED AND BEING SINGLE WAS NOT THE CHOICE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD, BUT BETWEEN DOING GOOD AND DOING BETTER AND FOR THE SERVING YESHUA**

**VS 39-40] FOR THE BELIEVING WIDOW = NOTHING WRONG WITH REMARRYING AS LONG AS HE IS A BELIEVER  
SHE IS HAPPIER = AGAIN HE BRINGS THE BETTER VS THE BEST**

**I THINK I HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD = "I'M PRETTY SURE GOD IS WITH ME ON THIS"**

**TO SUM UP THIS CHAPTER....WHEN IT COMES TO MARRIAGE AND SINGLENESS AMONGST BELIEVERS SOME GOOD OLD SPIRITUAL COMMON SENSE CAN SAVE YOU AND THE BODY OF MESSIAH SOME UNNECESSARY TEARING APART.**