

# SINGLE BELIEVERS

## I Corinthians 7: 8-9 & 25-38

### I. Theological

*The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Gen 2:18 NIV*

*Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Heb 13:4 NIV*

*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Tim 4:1-3*

### II. Practical

#### 4 Practical Questions:

#### (Vs.8-9)

*agamos (ag'-am-os);- unmarried:*

1. Am I good at \_\_\_\_\_

As a Christian my #1 Priority is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is this \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.25-31)

*I think then, because of the impending distress [that is even now setting in], it is well (expedient, profitable, and wholesome) for a person to remain as he or she is. 1 Cor 7:26 AMP*

#### "Impending distress" 2 Possibilities

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a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

*And one of them named Agabus stood up and prophesied through the [Holy] Spirit that a great and severe famine would come upon the whole world. And this did occur during the reign of Claudius. Acts 11:28*

#### Paul's 2 Points on Marriage in difficult Times:

a. Hardship is not legitimate reason \_\_\_\_\_ (v.27)

b. Getting married in difficult times is not \_\_\_\_\_ but it is MORE CHALLENGING (v.28)

3. Have I \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage (vs.32-35)

4. Am I being \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ (v.36)

*If anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward the virgin (parthenos) he is engaged to, and if she is getting along in years and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. 1 Cor 7:36 NIV*

*parthenos (par-then'-os); of unknown origin; a maiden; by implication, an unmarried daughter:*

*If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his fiancée, 1 Cor 7:36 NRSV*

**Guys: God is saying it's time to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_**  
*... she is getting along in years (v.36)*

**Ladies Remember:**  
**It's better to be married to the \_\_\_\_\_ one for a \_\_\_\_\_ time**  
**than to be married to the \_\_\_\_\_ one for a \_\_\_\_\_ time**

*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. So the person who marries does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better (vs.37-38 NLT)*

**Guys: You are free \_\_\_\_\_**  
**If I'm not going to marry her I need to \_\_\_\_\_**  
**You are not free to play with her \_\_\_\_\_**  
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*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality or of any kind of impurity... because these are improper for God's holy people*  
*Eph 5:3*