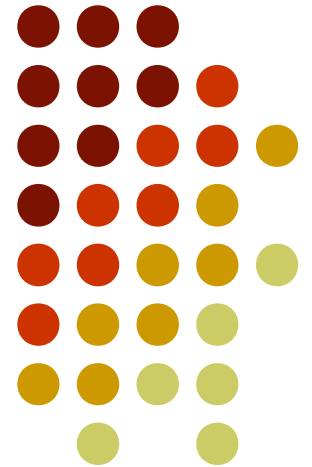


Serving the Lord, Married or Single

1 Corinthians 7:29-40



Serve the Lord regardless of your marital status



- Life is short (1 Cor 7:29-31a)



Psalm 39:4-5

- "LORD, make me to know my end, And what *is* the measure of my days, *That* I may know how frail I *am*. Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths, And my age *is* as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor. Selah



Psalm 39:6-7

- Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up *riches*, And does not know who will gather them. "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You.

Revelation 21:3-4



- And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

2 Timothy 3:1-5



- But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness** but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



Hebrews 10:32-35

- But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.



1 John 2:15-17

- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. And **the world is passing away, and the lust of it**; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



Luke 21:34-36

- " But take heed to yourselves, **lest your hearts be weighed down with** carousing, drunkenness, and **cares of this life**, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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- Life is short (1 Cor 7:29-31a)
- Earthly things are just temporal (1 Cor 7:31b)



Isaiah 24:1-3

- Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants. And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor. The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, For the LORD has spoken this word.



2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, while **we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.**

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1 Timothy 4:1-3

- Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will **depart from the faith**, giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**, **speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry**, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

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- Consider staying single if you possess self-control (1 Cor 7:36-38)
- As a widow, you may be happier if you decide to stay single (1 Cor 7:39-40)



1 Timothy 5:14-15

- Therefore I desire that *the younger widows* marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some have already turned aside after Satan.

2 Timothy 3:1-5



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