

Series: The Authentic Life

Message: Authentic Singleness and Marriage: Part Two

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:8-40 (NASB)

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Last Week:

1. Singleness Is A Good Thing. vs 1
2. Marriage Is A Good Thing. vs 2
3. Marriage Partners Should Never Deprive Their Spouse Of Sexual Relationship Except Under Two Conditions. vs 3-5
4. Both Single And Married Should Live Contently In The State In Which He/She Is Called, Realizing That Marriage Is The Norm And Singleness Is The Easiest. vs 6-7

This Week (vs. 8-40)

1. The Unmarried And Widows vs 8-9

1 Corinthians 7:8-9

⁸But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I.

⁹But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

2. Marrieds vs 10-11

1 Corinthians 7:10-11

¹⁰But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband

¹¹(but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

3. Those Married To Unbelievers Who Are Willing To Stay Married vs 12-14

1 Corinthians 7:12-13

¹²But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

¹³And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

1 Corinthians 7:14

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

4. Those Married To Unbelievers Who Are Not Willing To Stay Married vs 15-16

1 Corinthians 7:15-16

¹⁵ Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

¹⁶ For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

1 Corinthians 7:17

¹⁷ Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.

5. Those Single And Those Married, In Light Of The Present Circumstances vs 25-35

1 Corinthians 7:25-26

²⁵ Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

²⁶ I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

1 Corinthians 7:27-28

²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

²⁸ But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

³² But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

³³ but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

³⁴ and his interests are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

³⁵ This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.

6. Fathers Of Single Daughters

1 Corinthians 7:36-38

³⁶ But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly toward his virgin daughter, if she is past her youth, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let her marry.

³⁷ But he who stands firm in his heart, being under no constraint, but has authority over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin daughter, he will do well.

³⁸ So then both he who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage will do better.

7. Widows vs 39-40

1 Corinthians 7:39-40

³⁹ A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

⁴⁰ But in my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

Common Myths That Destroy Authentic Singleness And Marriage

Last Week:

1. Marriage Is A Better Gift Than Singleness.
2. A Good Marriage Should And Will Fulfill My Greatest Needs.
3. The Goal Of Marriage Is My Own Personal Happiness.

This Week:

4. Marriage Will Be Enjoyable Because Our Love Is So Strong.
5. The Way To Make My Marriage Better Is To Make My Spouse Better.
6. If I Could Be Married (Or Get Out Of My Marriage) I Would Be Better Off.

Restated:

- 1) Marriage To Christ Will Be Enjoyable, Not Because I Love Him So Much But Because He Loves Me So Much.
- 2) The Way To Make My Relationship With Christ Better Is For Him To Change Me, Not For Me To Change Him.
- 3) If I Marry Christ, I Will Forever Be Better Off.