

1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-40

{Sunday, February 19, 2017 A.D.}

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

... you are not your own ... you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God ...

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now **concerning the things about which you wrote**, ...

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

¹⁷ ... **as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk.**

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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.** 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. ²⁹ But this I say, brethren, **the time has been shortened**, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; ³⁰ and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; ³¹ and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for **the form of this world is passing away.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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