

## Married or Single, it's All Good

(1 Corinthians 7:25-40)

**Big Idea:** Paul offers pastoral advice on marriage and singleness, not a biblical mandate. Marriage and singleness are both gifts of God. Whether married or single, we are called to be content with where the Lord has us, and to surrender our whole lives for his glory. According to Paul, marriage is more burdensome, but both stations in life involve difficulties, so let's love and support one another where the Lord has us!

**Context:** Living in a pagan city, there was disease, hardship, persecution, and suspicion. Life for early Christians was not easy... in the midst of these hard times and the imminent return of Christ, they asked Paul two important questions about the unmarried and widows.

1. Paul offers pastoral advice, not a biblical mandate. (v. 25)
2. We shouldn't think those who want to get married are somehow weak in their walk with Christ, and we also must not be suspicious of those who desire to remain single. (v. 28)
3. Be content with your station in life. What is crucial is that whether single or married, you should live as if "you are not." (v. 29-31)
4. Application

