

## God's Divine Design For Singles

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1. Single by **Creation**

1 Corinthians 7:7, TLB I wish everyone could get along without marrying, just as I do. But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of a husband or wife, and others he gives the gift of being able to stay happily unmarried.

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Matthew 19:12, NLT

Some are born as eunuchs, some have been made eunuchs by others, and some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

### I. The Blessings Of The Single Life

#### 1. Singles Generally Have Less Distress

1 Corinthians 7:25, NRSV

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

1 Corinthians 7:26, NRSV

I think that, in view of the impending crisis, it is good for you to remain as you are.

1 Corinthians 7:27, NRSV

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

1 Corinthians 7:28, NRSV

But if you marry, you do not sin, and if a virgin marries, she does not sin. Yet those who marry will experience distress in the flesh, and I would spare you that.

1 Corinthians 7:29, NRSV

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,

1 Corinthians 7:30, NRSV

and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

1 Corinthians 7:31, NRSV

and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

## **2. Singles Generally Have Less Distractions**

1 Corinthians 7:32, NRSV

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord,

1 Corinthians 7:33-34a, NRSV

but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.

1 Corinthians 7:34b, NRSV

And the unmarried woman and the virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit, but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:35, NRSV

I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

## **II. The Burdens Of The Single Life**

### **1. The Burden Of Passion**

1 Corinthians 7:8, NKJV But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;

1 Corinthians 7:9, NKJV but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Thessalonians 4:3, NIV It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:4-5, NIV Each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God.

1 Thessalonians 4:7, NIV For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

1 Thessalonians 4:8, NIV Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

## **2. The Burden of Pain**

Psalms 25:16, NIV Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

## **3. The Burden Of Patience**

Genesis 2:18, NKJV And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Genesis 2:22, NKJV Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

2 Corinthians 6:14a, NIV Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14b, NIV What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

1 Corinthians 7:39, NIV A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:40, NIV In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is—and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

Proverbs 13:12, NKJV Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.