

Uncorinthianized Serious, Single & Satisfied

1 Samuel 18:20-21 (NIV)

Now Saul's daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. 21 "I will give her to him," he thought, "so that she may be a snare..."

TRUSTED COUNSEL

1 Corinthians 7:25-29 (NLT)

25 Now regarding your question about the young women who are not yet married. I do not have a command from the Lord for them. But the Lord in his mercy has given me wisdom that can be trusted, and I will share it with you. 26 Because of the present crisis, I think it is best to remain as you are. 27 If you have a wife, do not seek to end the marriage. If you do not have a wife, do not seek to get married. 28 But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems. 29 But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage.

The time is "short" or "shortened" or "contracted." Greek word is *systemello* it means to wrap up or wind up.

Acts 5:6 (NKJV)

6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

1 Corinthians 7:31 (KJV) And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

THANKFUL CONDITION

1 Corinthians 7:17 (MSG)

17 And don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there. God, not your marital status, defines your life. Don't think I'm being harder on you than on the others. I give this same counsel in all the churches.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NLT)

32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him.

33 But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. 34 His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

"I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come" (Luke 14:20).

TRUE COMMITMENT

1 Corinthians 7:35 (AMP)

35 Now I say this for your own welfare and profit, not to put [a halter of] restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly and in good order and to secure your undistracted and undivided devotion to the Lord.

The Greek word for halter/snare here is *brochos*, a word that refers to a noose or a halter.

Greek word for "distraction" *aperispastōs* means to draw away. There are some distractions that draw us away from the LORD.

1. What is my gift from God? If to be single can I maintain sexual integrity? If not then marry. 1 Corinthians 7:9 (NKJV)
9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

2. Am I marrying a believer?

1 Corinthians 7:39 (NLT)

39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NIV)

14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

3. Are the circumstances such that marriage is right?

3. How will marriage affect my service for Christ?

4. Am I prepared to enter into this union for life?

You never enter marriage half-cocked. It's not a contract it's a covenant.
Contracts can be broken, a covenant is binding.