

**Holiness and Devotion to the Lord**  
**1 Corinthians 7:32-40**  
December 31, 2023

**1. An advantage of being single (32-35)**

**2. Reasons to marry or not to marry (36-38)**

**3. The permanence of marriage (39-40)**

*Next week: Matthew 3:1-6*

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What does this passage teach is an advantage of being single?
3. Is it more pleasing to God to be single or to be married? Explain.
4. What does it mean to be holy (verse 34)?
5. What are some examples in the Bible of people being devoted to the Lord?
6. What does it mean to marry “in the Lord” (verse 39)?
7. Do you want to get married? Why or why not?
8. Are you holy? Are you devoted to the Lord? Explain.

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What does it look like for a single person to live the undivided life spoken of in vv 32-35?
3. Verse 34 says the married man is divided between ministering to his family and ministering beyond his family. How should a married person go about maintaining a balance between the two? Why is it a problem to be unbalanced in either direction?
4. We see in vv 36-37 that the Christian must keep sexual desire under control. How are you to go about keeping your sexual desires under control? What are some Scripture passages that can help you do so?
5. Why has God designed marriage as a lifelong covenant/commitment?
6. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?