

1 Cor. 7:36

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. (NASB)

If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. (NIV)

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If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. (ESV)

But if a man has a partner in celibacy and feels that he is not behaving properly towards her, if, that is, his instincts are too strong for him, and something must be done, he may do as he pleases; there is nothing wrong in it; let them marry. (NEB)

- 1. Who is the “any man/anyone”?**
- 2. What does “act unbecomingly” mean?**
- 3. To whom does “his virgin” refer?**
- 4. What does u`perakmoj mean and to whom does it refer?**

NASB if she is past her youth,

NET past the bloom of youth,

CSB past marriageable age

NIV, ESV if his passions are too strong

- 5. What does “it ought to happen thus” mean?**

Views

1. **Instruction to a father on what to do with a virgin daughter**

(NASB, Chrysostom, Augustine, Godet, Lightfoot, Morris)

2. **Spiritual or celibate marriages *(NEB)***

3. **Christians engaged to be married**

(ESV, NIV, NET, CSB, NLT, Fee, Garland, Thistleton)*