

**Single and Waiting  
I Corinthians 7  
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**Introduction:**

**American culture has made us think that any person who stays single cannot be fulfilled, content, or happy. Truth is, you can be married and be the most miserable person on the planet. Being single or married has nothing to do with contentment. There is no shortage on marriage material at LifeWay, Amazon.Com, or Barnes & Noble.**

**America's creed is; "Hook up, shack up, and break up."**

**A single person's first concern should always be focused on finding their purpose, not changing their status.**

**Four Considerations While You Wait...**

**1. The Pressure of the World.**

**1 Corinthians 7:26 (NKJV) I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress--that *it is* good for a man to remain as he is...**

**2. The Pressure of our Flesh.**

**1 Corinthians 7:28 (NKJV) But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.**

**It is hard enough for a sinner to live with himself, let alone with another sinner. When two people are bound together in marriage the problems of human nature are multiplied. Close living allows us to see our partner's faults more clearly, and vice versa.**

**Marriage will die when you die. Although God-ordained and blessed, marriage is not an eternal relationship.**

### 3. The Pressure of the Marriage.

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NKJV) <sup>32</sup> But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But he who is married cares about the things of the world--how he may please *his* wife. <sup>34</sup> There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world--how she may please *her* husband. <sup>35</sup> And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.**

**Marriage does not prevent great devotion to the Lord, and singleness does not guarantee it. But singleness has fewer hindrances and more advantages.**

### 4. The Permanency of the Marriage.

**1 Corinthians 7:39-40 (NKJV) <sup>39</sup> A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. <sup>40</sup> But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment--and I think I also have the Spirit of God.**

**Marriage is to be viewed as a forever institution, that's why you must make sure that you marry a believer and not an unbeliever. Forever is a long time to live with the devil.**

**Here are your choices while you wait:**

- 1. You can grumble.**
- 2. You can grieve.**
- 3. You can grow.**