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PART 2

TO THE UNMARRIED



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Ephesians 5:22–33 [22-24]

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**. For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore **as the church is subject unto Christ**, so **let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing**.

Ephesians 5:22–33 [25]

Husbands, **love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it**;



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Ephesians 5:22–33 [26-27]

That he *[Jesus]* might **sanctify and cleanse it** *[Church]* with the washing of water by the word,
That he *[Jesus]* might **present it** *[Church]* to himself *[Jesus]* a **glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing**; but that it *[Church]* should **be holy** and without blemish.



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Ephesians 5:22–33 [28-31]

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**



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Ephesians 5:22–33 [30-33]

For we *[Church]* are members of his *[Jesus]* body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.



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1 Corinthians 7:8–9

I say therefore to the **unmarried and widows**, It is good for them if they **abide even as I**. But if they cannot contain, **let them marry**: for it is better to marry than to burn.



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1 Timothy 5:3-16 [3-7] (NLT)

Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God. Now a true widow, a woman who is truly alone in this world, has placed her hope in God. She prays night and day, asking God for his help. But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives. Give these instructions to the church so that no one will be **open to criticism.**



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1 Timothy 5:3-16 [8-10] (NLT)

But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers. **A widow who is put on the list** for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband. She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done. Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly? Has she helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good?



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1 Timothy 5:3-16 [11-13] (NLT)

The younger widows **should not be on the list**, because their physical desires will overpower their devotion to Christ and they will want to remarry. Then they would be guilty of breaking their previous pledge. And if they are on the list, they will learn to be lazy and will spend their time gossiping from house to house, meddling in other people's business and talking about things they shouldn't.



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1 Timothy 5:3-16 [14-16] (NLT)

So **I advise these younger widows to marry again**, have children, and take care of their own homes. **Then the enemy will not be able to say anything against them.** For I am afraid that some of them have already gone astray and now follow Satan. If a woman who is a believer has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for the widows who are truly alone.



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1 Corinthians 7:25

Now concerning virgins I have **no commandment of the Lord**: yet **I give my judgment**, as one that hath **obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful**.

1 Corinthians 6:5

I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there **is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?**



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1 Corinthians 7:26a

I suppose therefore that this is good for the present **distress**,

G318 ἀνάγκη - an-ang-kay'

From G303 and the base of G43; constraint (literally or figuratively); by implication distress: - distress, must needs, (of) necessity (-sary), needeth, needful.

Total KJV occurrences: 184



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Luke 21:23

But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great **distress** in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Hebrews 7:12

For the priesthood being changed, there is made of **necessity** a change also of the law.



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2 Corinthians 6:4

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in **necessities**, in distresses,

G4730 στενοχωρία - sten-okh-o-ree'-ah

From a compound of G4728 and G5561;
narrowness of room, that is, (figuratively)
calamity: - anguish, distress.



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1 Corinthians 7:26b–28

I say, that it is good for a man so to be [*remain as he is*].

Art thou bound unto a wife?

seek not to be loosed.

Art thou loosed from a wife?

seek not a wife.

But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned;
and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned.

Nevertheless **such shall have trouble in the flesh:**
but I spare you.



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1 Corinthians 7:29-31

But this I say, brethren, **the time is short**: it remaineth, that both...

they that have wives

be as though they had none;

And they that weep,

as though they wept not;

and they that rejoice,

as though they rejoiced not;

and they that buy,

as though they possessed not;

And they that use this world,

as not abusing it:

for the fashion of **this world passeth away**.



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1 Corinthians 6:12

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, **but I will not be brought under the power of any.**

James 4:4

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.



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1 Corinthians 7:32–33

But I would have you without carefulness. He that is **unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.**



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1 Corinthians 7:34

There is difference also between a **wife** and a **virgin**. The **unmarried woman** careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is **married** careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.



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1 Corinthians 7:35

And this I speak **for your own profit**; not that I may **cast a snare upon you**, but for that **which is comely**, and **that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction**.



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1 Corinthians 10:23

All things are lawful for me, but **all things are not expedient**: all things are lawful for me, but **all things edify not**.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God**.



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1 Corinthians 7:36-38 [KJV]

But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward **his virgin**, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, **let him do what he will**, he sinneth not: **let them marry**. Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.



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1 Corinthians 7:36-38 [NLT]

But if a man thinks that he's treating his **fiancée** improperly and will inevitably give in to his passion, let him marry her as he wishes. It is not a sin. But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry. So the person who **marries** his **fiancée** does well, and the person who doesn't **marry** does even better.



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G3933 παρθένος - par-then'-os

Of unknown origin; a maiden; by implication an unmarried daughter: - virgin.

Total KJV occurrences: 14

Matthew 25:1

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten **virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the **bridegroom**.



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Matthew 1:23

Behold, a **virgin** shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Revelation 14:4

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are **virgins**. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.



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G1547 ἐκγαμίζω - ek-gam-id'-zo

From G1537 and a form of G1061 (compare G1548); to marry off a daughter: - **give in marriage**.

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Matthew 22:30

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are **given in marriage**, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Luke 17:27

They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were **given in marriage**, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.



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1 Corinthians 7:36–38 [GWT]

No father would want to do the wrong thing when his virgin daughter is old enough to get married. If she wants to get married, he isn't sinning by letting her get married. However, a father may have come to a decision about his daughter. If his decision is to keep her at home because she doesn't want to get married, that's fine. So it's fine for a father to give his daughter in marriage, but the father who doesn't give his daughter in marriage does even better.



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1 Corinthians 7:39–40

The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; **only in the Lord**. But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: **and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.**



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1 Kings 11:1–4

But king Solomon loved many **strange women**, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, **Ye shall not go in to them**, neither **shall they come in unto you**: for **surely they will turn away your heart after their gods**: Solomon **clave unto these in love**. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives **turned away his heart**. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives **turned away his heart** after other gods: **and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God**, as was the heart of David his father.

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2 Corinthians 6:14-18 [14-16a] [NLT]

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

For what fellowship has **righteousness with lawlessness?**

And what communion has **light with darkness?**

And what accord has **Christ with Belial?**

Or what part has a **believer with an unbeliever?**

And what agreement has the **temple of God with idols?**

For **you are the temple of the living God.**



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2 Corinthians 6:14-18 [16b-18] [NLT]

As God has said: "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE." Therefore "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE, SAYS THE LORD. DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN, AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU." "I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY."



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Brief summary of Part 2

- Paul advises the unmarried stay unmarried
- The unmarried can marry – this is not sin.
 - Jewish believers can marry Gentile believers
 - It must be to another Christian.
- There will be fewer competing priorities for the unmarried as they strive to serve The Lord in all they do.
- Fathers can break betrothal agreements



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