

## Singleness<sup>1</sup>

"And I will betroth you to me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion."

Hosea 2:19

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"Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am."

1 Corinthians 7:8 (NIV)

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"Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches."

1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)

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"Are you married? Do not seek a divorce. Are you unmarried? Do not look for a wife. But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life and I want to spare you this."

1 Corinthians 7:27-28 (NIV)

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"But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and his interests are divided... This I say I for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord."

1 Corinthians 7:32, 34-35

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"But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin -- this man also does the right things. So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better."

1 Corinthians 7:37-38 (NIV)

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"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:4

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"Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God."

Romans 7:4

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"But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another."

Galatians 6:4

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"Make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

II Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)

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"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)

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"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

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"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."  
John 14:1

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"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."  
Psalm 147:3

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"God is our refuge and strength, an very present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1

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"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."  
I Peter 5:7(NIV)

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"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary;  
they will walk and not be faint."  
Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

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"Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord."  
Psalm 31:24  
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