



“Redeeming the Time”

Marriage and Ministry
I Corinthians 7:25-35

Ministry is affected by:

I. Decisions – “I have no commandment...judgment”(vs. 25-28)

Concerning the:

- A. Daughters** – “Now concerning virgins”
- B. Difficult** - “seek not to be loosed”
- C. Divorced** – “Art thou loosed from a wife”

II. Devotion – “how he may please the Lord” (vs. 28-33)

Concerning our:

- A. Suffering** – “Nevertheless such shall have trouble”
- B. Stewardship** – “cares for the things that belong to the Lord”
- C. Service** – “cares for the things that are of the world”

III. Distraction – “attend the Lord without distraction”(vs. 34-35)

Concerning:

- A. Commitment** – “be holy both in body and spirit”
- B. Caring** – “cares for the things of this world”
- C. Comeliness** – “how she may please her husband”

Sentence Sermon:

**“Redeeming the time requires decision-making
influenced by our devotion to God.”**

Additional Verses

- *Ephesians 5:16, 22-33*
- *Matthew 19:10, 12*
- *I Peter 4:10*
- *Luke 14:26-33*
- *I Corinthians 10:13*
- *Genesis 2:18*
- *I Peter 1:24*
- *Romans 13:11*
- *II Corinthians 11:21-33*
- *II Timothy 3:12*
- *I Peter 4:12*
- *Matthew 19:3-12*
- *Malachi 2:13-16*
- *Deuteronomy 24:1-4*
- *Romans 7:1-3*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why does Paul say it is better for a man to remain single?
4. What is the “trouble in the flesh” mentioned in verse 28?
5. How would you summarize Paul’s words on singleness vs. marriage?
6. What does Paul say is his desire to happen concerning this passage?
7. How can you use your unique station in life to serve God?
8. What other distractions keep us from serving God?
9. How does the reminder that life is brief affect your priorities today?
10. What steps can you take this week to become focused on the eternal?