



The Gift Of
MARRIAGE

The Gift Of
SINGLENES

1 Corinthians 7v25-40

SINGLENES

This is...

1) An important subject

This is...

- 1) An **important** subject
- 2) An **emotive** subject

1) It is good to stay as you are

1) It is good to stay as you are

V24: Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them

1) It is good to stay as you are

V24: Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them

V26: Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

2) Keep eternity in view

V29-31: What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short...

...For this world in its present form is passing away.

2) Keep eternity in view

Rom 8v28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

3) Enjoy the present blessing of being single

3) Enjoy the present blessing of being single

V28: But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

3) Enjoy the present blessing of being single

V32: I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs – how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world – how he can please his wife – ³⁴ and his interests are divided.

3) Enjoy the present blessing of being single

Married man



World affairs



Pleasing wife



Interests divided

Single man



Lord's affairs



Pleasing God



Fully devoted

4) If marriage is an option – choose wisely

V39: A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

2 final applications...

- Those who are 'unhappily' single

2 final applications...

- Those who are 'unhappily' single
- Those who are 'happily' married

