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I Corinthians 7:21-40
A Stable Foundation

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

To be married and act as though not was an admonition for the couple not to become too intertwined with the things of this life and in so doing neglect seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (**Matthew 6:33**). *Paige Patterson*

Marriage is not a matter of right or wrong. What is important is how do you spend your time and energy? Paul wants them to devote their time to the Lord, the only thing that matters. They can do this better if they are single but hastens to add that if they feel the need to marry, it's okay. There is no superiority in either celibacy or matrimony. *W. Harold Mare*

In the first century, those who were betrothed to be married were committed to each other, with divorce the only means of renouncing it (cf. **Mt. 1:1-9**). The issue raised by some young men who were betrothed was whether or not to marry now, given the present distressing circumstances in Corinth. *D. A. Carson*

APPLICATION:

The responsibilities of marriage are no excuse for being a slacker in the Lord's work! One's service is to God not man because the believer has been bought with a price, the blood of Christ. *John MacArthur*.