

Godly Relationships

Student Lunch, 03/11/2019

1) Key Principles from 1 Corinthians 7

V1, setup

V35 - Paul's priority: *everyone* to have undivided devotion to the Lord.

So...

- **Married people**
 - Don't abstain from sex (except for particular, mutually agreed times for prayer) as a safeguard against immorality (1-5)
 - Remain married if possible (10-16, 27)

- **Unmarried people**
 - You're free to marry, though singleness may be better (7, 9, 28, 35)
 - While unmarried you have unique opportunities for undivided devotion (7-8, 26, 28, 32, 28)

Discuss

*What might it look like for me to use the situation I'm **currently** in to practice undivided devotion to the Lord?*

What are the particular opportunities I have?

What are the particular challenges I face?

2) Some suggestions for particular application

Single and not dating

- See singleness as a gift from God because it affords you freedom to serve him in particular ways

- You're free to look/pray for marriage - but remember what marriage is *for*

Single and dating

- You're single until you're married - so don't treat your dating friendship as a marriage
 - Physically -

 - Emotionally/behaviourally

- Date wisely

Married

- Marriage doesn't ultimately fulfill you

- Marriage is for serving God