

I. Paul's counsel to those who are single or widowed:
_____ ***as you are.***

A. It allows your heart to be _____ by the world. (vv. 25-31)

B. It allows your heart to be _____ toward the Lord. (vv. 32-35)

II. Paul's counsel to those facing unique circumstances: *Marriage is*
_____ ***but not preferred.*** (vv. 36-40)

FIRST
CORINTHIANS
7:25-40

TIMELESS TRUTH: Wherever you are in life (either married or single), maximize your devotion to the Lord.

DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS

Am I following the Lord, or am I pursuing worldly ideals?

Am I looking to obey the Lord, or am I tangled up in anxieties?

Am I fulfilled by the Lord, or am I seeking satisfaction in a spouse?

APPLICATION

_____ and avoid the traps of the world.

_____ a love for Jesus.

UNDIVIDED

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40. How would you describe Paul's view of marriage?

2. Do you think marriage makes the Christian life easier or harder? Why? What about singleness?

3. What should determine a single Christian's choice about whether to marry (vv. 8-9)? What questions would you ask a Christian who is deciding whether or not to get married?

4. What are some ways married people, and our culture, try to steer single people into marriage? How does this passage give you a different perspective on these efforts?

5. How should it affect your priorities and actions to realize that "the time is short" (v. 29) and "this world in its present form is passing away" (v. 31)?

6. What are some ways you are devoting yourself to the Lord (v. 35) right where you are?



DEACON & ELDER ELECTIONS

Per the Constitution, a members-only congregational vote by ballot will be taken on Sunday, Aug. 29 to affirm nominations for Deacon and Elder candidates. The results will be announced that day at the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary on the Fort Worth Campus at 1 p.m.

Only constitutional members who have completed the formal membership process at Christ Chapel are eligible to vote. If you are unsure whether or not you are a constitutional member, please contact Kim at KimS@christchapelbc.org.



Scan this QR code to review these names on our website for your prayerful consideration.

Members will receive notification the weekend of the election with a link to the ballot. Paper ballots will also be made available at each campus on the day of the election.

Inquiries regarding candidates should be directed to David White, Elder Board Chairman, at wdwhite@firstcommand.com.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

MARRIED COUPLES, RE|ENGAGE STARTS TODAY.

Together you've faced no shortage of challenges this past year. If you're struggling to get along, worried you're breaking apart or just ready to spend more time investing in your relationship, we have a place for the two of you this fall. Through teaching, a small group community and stories of grace, you'll have the opportunity to work on your relationship together. Register now at www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage.

COLLEGE WORSHIP STARTS NEXT SUNDAY,

AUG. 29. College students, welcome back to Fort Worth! We cannot wait to see you at Common Grounds (3110 Greene Ave.) starting next week. Services are happening at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.—tell your friends and we'll see you then! To learn more about Christ Chapel's College Ministry, visit www.christchapelcollege.com.

SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN FOR BAND OF BROTHERS AND WOMEN IN THE WORD.

Are you looking for community this fall? Band of Brothers and Women in the Word will be back in September with brand-new studies and a place for you to connect with others. Band of Brothers will be tracing the theme of the kingdom of God throughout the Bible in a study called "Thy Kingdom Come." Women in the Word will be in the book of Hebrews with a series called "Greater > Than" that's full of encouragement to help you trust Jesus is greater than all. Learn more about both and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO LEAD A HOME

GROUP. We're getting closer to the fall which means home groups will be starting back soon—but before they do, we're looking for more people to lead those groups! If you have a knack for helping others feel known and connected, being a home group leader may be your next step this fall. Stop by the Next Steps kiosk today to learn more, or email Hannah at HannahS@christchapelbc.org.

GROW YOUR FAITH AND THE NEXT GENERATION WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

Here at the Fort Worth Campus, we're looking for 23 more people to serve in Children's Ministry on Sundays. This is a chance to build authentic friendships, grow deeper in your faith and show kids that Jesus loves them. Interested? Stop by the Children's Welcome Center today or email children@christchapelbc.org this week.

WE'VE SWITCHED NUMBERS—JOIN THE NEW

CCBC FAMILY TEXT! The CCBC Family text is here to help you stay updated on must-know news. Sign up to receive the updates by texting "CCBCFamily" to 24253.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT

CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 833-422-7200 to get started.

EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

According to Pew Research Center, in 2019 only 44 percent of people ages 23-38 were married. Marriage rates are plummeting, and it is predicted that at the current rate about 25 percent of millennials will never be married—an all-time low.

"Marriage may cause some problems while it solves others. It is not intended by God to resolve all personal, emotional, or spiritual difficulties. It definitely intensifies some of them. ... There are troubles unique to singleness, but they may be exceeded by those in marriage." —John MacArthur

Paul makes it clear that spirituality is not determined by relationship status. In light of current trends, Christians should consider what work the Lord may now be doing in the lives of single believers in His Church. A study of single adults in the Bible demonstrates that singleness affords the opportunity to live for the Lord, undistracted by additional responsibilities. They were unconcerned with spouses, education or lucrative careers—rather, their focus was on following the Lord despite the unique costs.

Paul (1 Cor 7:7-8) **Anna** (Lk 2:36-38) **Martha** (Lk 10:38-42)

Jeremiah (Book of Jeremiah) **Joseph** (Gen 37-50)

Nehemiah (Book of Nehemiah) **John the Baptist** (Jn 3:22-30; Matt 14:1-12)