

## “Home Improvement Projects, Part 2”

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*1 Corinthians 7:1-24*

**BIG IDEA:** Authentic Christian singles can lead successful & satisfying lives.

*“I say to the unmarried and to widows:  
It is good for them if they remain as I am.”  
1 Corinthians 7:8 (CSB)*



### **Wisdom for believers who are unmarried.** (v25-40)

- Believing singles can enjoy freedom vs. constraint. (v25-28)
- Believing singles can focus on what’s eternal vs. what’s temporal. (v29-31)
- Believing singles can live a life of devotion vs. distraction. (v32-35)
- Believing singles must maintain control vs. compulsion. (v36-38)
- Believing singles can be versatile vs. being limited. (v39-40)

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### **How to build a healthy & lasting relationship.**

- Build spiritually.
- Build socially.

- Build intellectually.
- Build emotionally.
- Build physically.



### **Questions for those contemplating marriage:**

- What is my “gift” from God?
- Am I marrying a believer?
- Are the circumstances such that marriage is right at this time?
- How will marriage affect my devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Am I prepared to commit to this union for life?

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

**THINK:** Think about the single life, and then ask yourself these questions: *Are you more free-spirited or do you like routines and schedules? How might that personality difference between two people affect the marriage they may be contemplating? How is a single person able to focus more on eternal concerns than married people? Why is “full devotion” easier for singles than married people? How can single people control their sexual passion in our present culture? Why does God make marriage “for life”?*

**DO:** As a single, determine to follow God’s plan for relationships. Whether you have never been married, are currently married, divorced, or widowed, what is one way you can show your “undivided devotion” to the Lord this week?