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1 Corinthians 7:6-9

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Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

What does Paul mean by, “as I myself am”?

1. Paul is _____ and _____
2. Paul is _____

The Importance of _____

1. Paul’s point is more about self-control than _____
2. The bottom line is our undivided _____ to the Lord.

Application:

1. Give all that you _____
2. Give all that you _____
3. Give all that you _____

Message Notes

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What insight, principle, or observation from this Sunday’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

Being single is a gift of God and God gives good gifts (verse 7). Do you see “being single” that way? How might we as a congregation (or individually) help those who are single to live their “singleness” as a gift of God?

Read through 1 Corinthians 7:32-34. Paul indicates that our marital status affects the means by which we are able to serve God. How might “marriage” affect our service? How might being single affect our service?

How does being single (or married) affect your devotion to God (verse 35)? Where do you find it difficult to maintain that depth of devotion?

Thinking about self-control (verse 9) and what it means to serve God (also consider the “Application” list under “Message Notes”) how are you doing (married or single) in giving every part of your life, desires, and actions to God in undivided devotion? What might you need to intentionally let go of? What might you need to be more intentional to pursue?

Ultimately, self-control is not about us working harder at being in control so much as it is about our surrendering more of ourselves to God’s control. Maybe, looking at your answers to the above questions, you might want to prayerfully talk with God about taking control of those areas where you struggle in devotion to Him.

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