

**Divorce, Remarriage and Celibacy:
What will help me serve the Lord the best?**

Paul takes questions from the church regarding marriage:

- 7:1 “Is celibacy best?”
- When is divorce okay?
- 7:25 “What about marriage?”

Paul’s eschatology shapes his daily decisions: (29-31)

- Don’t get tied down
- remain in the state you were (3X)

Plan like you’ll live _____, but live like Jesus is _____.

Paul’s advice: (12-17)

- If they leave=let them go
- Your influence brings the reality of Christ into their lives
- Verse 16 the *possibility* of salvation is greater
 - “Not bound”=

don’t change in the middle but do-over’s must be done right

Jesus’ teaching:

- Matthew 5:32

This is a defense for the defenseless

- Matthew 19:9

remarriage in the case of innocence

How do we respond?

- We face the same struggle
- “What will help me best serve the Lord?”