



women
devoted to God
Lesson 7

*Undistracted Devotion:
A Single Woman's Privilege*
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*This I say for your own benefit; not to put
a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate
and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 7:35

Introduction

²⁵ *Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.*

²⁶ *I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.*

²⁷ *Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.*

²⁸ *But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.*

²⁹ *But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none;*

³⁰ *and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;*

³¹ *and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away.*

*Single women can be motivated by a focus
on the end times (vv 25-31)*

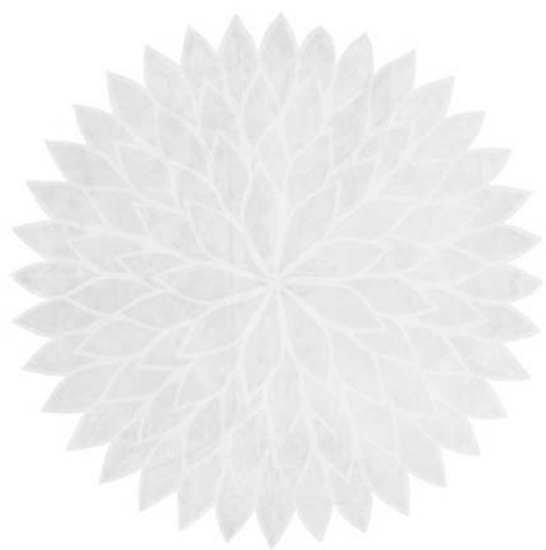
³² *But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;*

³³ *but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,*

³⁴ *and his interests are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*

³⁵ *This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.*

Single women can minister without the cares of married women (vv 32-35)



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