

Attend upon the Lord

Speaking of Marriage (I Corinthians 7:25-35)

Some Good Apostolic Advice

1 Corinthians 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

Present Distresses

1 Corinthians 7:26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present (*enhistemi*) distress (*ananke- a constraint*), *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be.

Earthly Relationships with People and Possessions

1 Corinthians 7:27-29²⁷ Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife,²⁸ But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble (*thlipsis-pressure*) in the flesh: but I spare you.²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short (*systello- to send [draw] together, enwrap*): it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

1 Corinthians 7:30 And they that **weep** (*klaio-to sob or wail aloud*), as though they wept not; and they that rejoice (*chairo- cheerful, calmly happy*), as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy (*agorazo- to go to market, to purchase*), as though they possessed (*katecho- hold fast to*) not;

-Weeping

Psalms 30:4-5 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.⁵ For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: **weeping** may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

-Purchasing Power vs. Supping with the Lord (The Parable of the Great Supper)

Luke 14:15-20¹⁵ And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.¹⁶ Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.¹⁸ And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs

go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Earthly Things vs. Heavenly Things

1 Corinthians 7:31 And they that use (*chraomai- to handle, to furnish what is needed*) this world, as not abusing (*katachraomai- to overuse or misuse*) it: for the fashion (*schema-condition*) of this world passeth away.

Colossians 3:1-4 ¹ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Anxiety

1 Corinthians 7:32-34 ³² But I would have you without carefulness (*amerimnos- not anxious*). He that is unmarried (*agamos*) careth (*merimnao- to be anxious*) for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:³³ But he that is married (*gameo*) careth (*merimnao*) for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.³⁴ There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

-Pleasing God

1 Thessalonians 4:1 ¹ Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.

Distractions

1 Corinthians 7:35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and **that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction** (*aperispastos-free from solicitude*).

Martha, Martha

Luke 10:38-42 ³⁸ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.⁴⁰ But Martha was cumbered (*perispao-* to drag all around, *distract*) about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful (*merimnao-* to be anxious about) and troubled (*tyrbazo-* disturbed) about many things:⁴² But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.