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## 1. The answer without Jesus



## **Genesis 1:28**

**28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”**

## Deuteronomy 7:12 , 14

<sup>12</sup> “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers...<sup>14</sup> You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock.



## **Deuteronomy 28:15, 18**

**15 “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you... 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.**

## **Jeremiah 16:1-2**

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## Jeremiah 16:1-4

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place. <sup>3</sup> For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning the mothers who bore them and the fathers who fathered them in this land: <sup>4</sup> They shall die of deadly diseases. They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground. They shall perish by the sword and by famine, and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth.



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## Matthew 19:12

**12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.**

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**1. Jesus, the most fully  
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## **1 Corinthians 1:23**

but we preach Christ crucified,...

## **1 Corinthians 2:2**

For I decided to know nothing among you  
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

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## **1 Corinthians 7:25**

**Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.**

## 1 Corinthians 7:26 -28

<sup>26</sup> I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. <sup>27</sup> Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.

## 1 Corinthians 7:29 -31

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none,  
<sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it.  
For the present form of this world is passing away.

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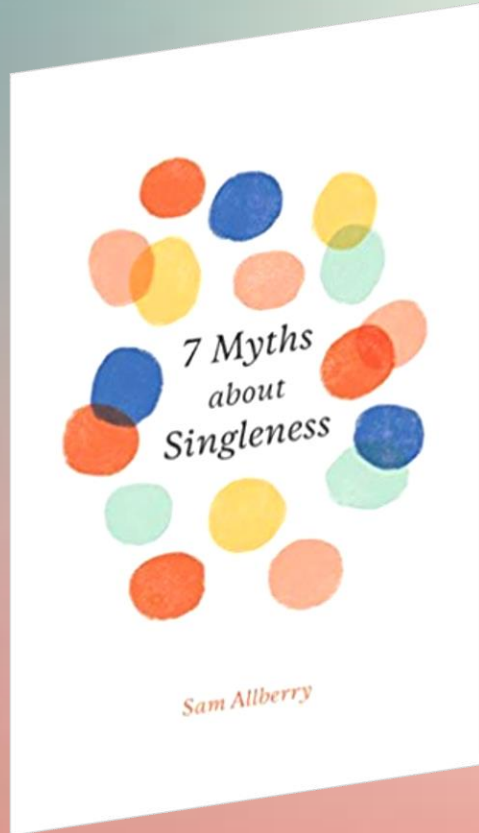
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## **1 Corinthians 7:7**

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.



## Sam Allberry



“While I might not know the unique *depth* of intimacy a married friend enjoys, there is a unique *breadth* of intimacy available to singles that married friends would not be as able to experience.”

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## **4. Singleness allows for single-minded devotion to Christ.**

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## 1 Corinthians 7:32 -35

<sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

## **1 Corinthians 7:38**

**So then he who marries his betrothed does well,  
and he who refrains from marriage will do even  
better.**