

The image features a stylized landscape with a light blue sky, a green field, and a winding orange path. In the upper left, a silhouette of a couple stands together. In the upper right, another silhouette of a couple stands together. In the lower center, a silhouette of a single person stands with arms outstretched. The text is overlaid on the path and field.

# This One is for the Singles

*1 Corinthians 7*

#Single  
Life

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

*From my love to yours.  
-Sarah & Pizza*





*Merry Christmas* and HAPPY NEW YEAR  
With Love,  
the Connell Family  
Ryan and Mannique













## Background – *1 Corinthians 7:1-2*

- **The City** – Corinth, was a hub of commerce, dedicated to the Greek goddess Aphrodite.
- **The Church** – the Corinthian Church, had major problems, divisions, lawsuits, and confusion.

## Background – 1 Corinthians 7:1-2

**The Books** – *1 & 2 Corinthians* are from a series of letters to and from Paul.

- **The Chapters** – Answering specific questions some in the church had.
- **The Verses** – Addressing questions from the ascetic wing of the Church.

## General – 1 Corinthians 7:8-9, 17

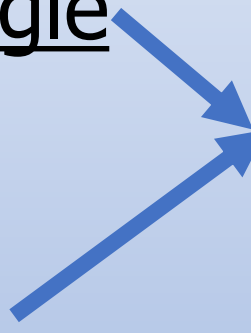
Paul's advice here is practical over theological, recognizes the strengths and weaknesses of both marriage and singleness.

The Emphasis is on the calling/Gift of God!

Gift of being single

Gift of marriage

Building up of the  
Church/Kingdom

A diagram consisting of two blue arrows. One arrow originates from the underlined text 'being single' in the phrase 'Gift of being single' and points towards the underlined text 'Building up of the Church/Kingdom'. The second arrow originates from the underlined text 'marriage' in the phrase 'Gift of marriage' and also points towards the same underlined text 'Building up of the Church/Kingdom'.

“Cannot exercise self-control”

– where would singleness lead you?

Closer to God or Away from God  
into sexual immortality?

No advantage in celibacy if that is not  
your Calling/Gift.

Marital Status → Either way IT IS A GIFT!!!

*Verse 17* – Is all about being a Christian  
where you are.

No person should attempt to walk a path  
of life for which they are naturally unfit.

Specific - *1 Corinthians 7:32-34, 38*

The Gift of being Single is freedom from earthly anxieties, to completely focus on God's Kingdom (*Proverbs 14:4*)

*Matthew 6:33* – Seek first the Kingdom of God.

This is a Command from Jesus – being single  
gives you an advantage



Seek God's Kingdom.

Live in your calling/giftedness.