

CONSIDERATION FOR MARRIAGE

COMMANDS AND/OR ADVICE ADVANTAGES:
TO BE MARRIED
TO STAY SINGLE
SPIRITUAL OR CARNAL
ADVICE TO THE UNMARRIED

The advice he is about to give in Vv. 25

- Is not derived from any teaching or command of Christ
- Nor is it framed as a command of an apostle.
- Paul has no wish to put a snare before them
- Is to be viewed as apostolic opinion

External Factors

- **The present condition of the world in all its distresses and necessities**, Paul urges single life in the light of the *present distress*.
- The word distress is always used of something external to oneself (Luke 21:23, II Corinthians 6:4).

Is Verse 27, command, or advice?

Neither man nor woman sins in being married, whatever may be its left to Christian judgment.

Not sinned by getting married

In Contemplating Marriage One Should Consider the Shortness of Time 7:29

What do these phrases mean?

- *those who have wives should be as though they had none;*
- *those who weep, as though they did not weep*
- *those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and*
- *those who buy, as though they did not possess; ³¹and*
- *those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it;*

This world is passing away