



Messy Season 2
Messy Singles, 1 Cor. 7
By Louie Marsh, 4-30-2017

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- **Good (καλὸν) = _____**

¹¹ I am the **good** shepherd. The **good** shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11 (ESV)

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your **good** works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

¹⁵ As for that in the **good** soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and **good** heart, and bear fruit with patience. Luke 8:15 (ESV)

2) Being single helps me keep things _____

²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is **good** for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

²⁸ 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 7:26-28 (ESV)

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (ESV)

3) Being single should help me _____

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ 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... ³⁵ 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 7:32-35 (ESV)

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Philippians 3:12-15 (ESV)

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³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household....

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4) Remarriage is always an option – exercise _____

³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 7:39-40 (ESV)



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