

*Called To be*  
**Saints**

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

***Bloom Where  
You're Planted***

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# **1. Advice for Widows & Widowers**

**A. Stay single if you can.**

**B. Marry if you must.**



## **2. Commands for the Married**

**A. Stay married.**

**B. Remain single if you're divorced, or ...**

**C. Reconcile with your spouse.**

### **3. Instructions for Those Married to an Unbeliever**

**A. Stay married.**

**B. If abandoned, accept it and remain single.**

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## **Galatians 3:26-28**

**“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

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- B. Rather than trying to change your circumstances, let God change you.**
- C. Rather than trying to change the world, faithfully point people to Jesus.**