

## **Single Parent Marriage**

1 Corinthians 7:39-40 (NIrV) [39] A woman has to stay married to her husband as long as he lives. If he dies, she is free to marry anyone she wants to. But the one she marries must belong to the Lord. [40] In my opinion, she is happier if she stays single. And I also think that I am led by the Spirit of God in saying that.

This subject is very dear to my heart and my wife's heart. Some of our closest family members, over the years, have been in this situation. The Holy Spirit has always guided my wife and I in regard to this subject whether in the secular world or not.

Paul's advice is a very sound advice, of course, especially if children are involved. When introducing so many different relationships to the child to be their new father or mother can be detrimental. It can be a cruel roller coaster ride of disappointment and pain.

First, the single mom or dad must position themselves to be strong and demonstrate to their children they can look after all their own needs and the needs of their children. They must provide things to themselves and children via church first, and from the community second. Access the resources.

Accept help from close friends and family, who are Godly. It's important. If the single mom or dad decide to "go it alone", then no matter how much praying they do, they may have missed what God has already given them. Always having to reach out can be difficult, but it is humbling and this will bring them and their children even closer to God. Stay Godly themselves, strongly encourage their children to be Godly. Allow the children a life where it is balanced with the Bible, play, study, chores, and teaching discipleship at an early age. Teaching the children Discipleship is just excellent. We teach children the piano or hockey at an early age just to give them the advantage and confidence when they are older. This advantage and confidence in discipleship is one of the best gifts a parent can give their children.

Above all else be guided by the Holy Spirit. This is imperative. Then, if a Godly person comes into their life, and leads to the possibility of marriage, it will be a much easier transition for the whole family because the core of the family is already stable in Christ.