

**Live Like Time is Short**  
**1 Corinthians 7:29-40**

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**I. This world is passing away. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Just as a thief does not normally warn his victims he is coming to break into their home; no one knows the \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord will return.

- **Time is short** means the harbor is near and the sails are shortened to get the ship \_\_\_\_\_ for harbor!

*"There is nothing solid and lasting in this world system; it is its nature to pass away. It is folly for believers to act as though its values were \_\_\_\_\_."* (Morris)

**II. Serve the Lord without distraction. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

*"The word **'care'** means *'to be anxious, or to be pulled in different \_\_\_\_\_.'*" (Wiersbe)*

- Paul is not saying it is \_\_\_\_\_ for a married person to serve the Lord; but the married Christ follower's first ministry is to their spouse and this could be a distraction, if we are not careful.

An eternal perspective is needed by all Christians in order to not become \_\_\_\_\_ with the things of this world.

**III. Arranged marriages. 1 Corinthians 7:36-38**

**2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally \_\_\_\_\_ together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? NKJV**

- *"The danger, of course, is that she would rush into marriage just to avoid becoming a spinster, and she might make a \_\_\_\_\_."* (Wiersbe)

**IV. Liberty for remarriage. 1 Corinthians 7:39-40**

A Christian widow has the right to remarry after the death of their spouse; however, they are only \_\_\_\_\_ to marry someone who is a believer in Jesus Christ.

**V. Practical Application.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ up. **Romans 13:11**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ up for the time. **Romans 13:12**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ on. **Romans 13:12b**

We put \_\_\_\_\_ the old man and put \_\_\_\_\_ the new man in Christ!

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**. What does Paul mean when he says, "Time is short"? How should that affect our Christian walks?  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, 2 Peter 3:10, 1 Peter 1:24, Revelation 22:6**
2. Why is it important to place the Lord in the first place of our lives in order to fulfill his plans for our lives?  
**Matthew 6:31-34, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 10:38-39, Matthew 22:37-40, Ephesians 2:10, Proverbs 3:5-6**
3. Read **1 Corinthians 7:36-38**. Discuss the pros and cons of a pre-arranged marriage. Discuss the dangers of being unequally yoked within a business, marriage, or even a church relationship. **Genesis 24:1-16, 2 Corinthians 6:14**
4. Discuss what Warren Wiersbe said, "Each person must ask himself or herself the following questions if marriage is being contemplated: What is my gift from God? Am I marrying a believer? Are the circumstances such that marriage is right? How will marriage affect my service for Christ? Am I prepared to enter into this union for life?"
5. Read **Romans 13:10-12** and discuss the three points within the practical applications of the sermon.