



Daily Verse and Comment

[Matthew 19:12](#)

(12) For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

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Marriage is a complex social institution, but it is an important, even vital, part of most people's lives. Although [God](#) has not commanded everyone to marry, the greater part of us do. Yet, not everyone is suited to marriage.

[Jesus](#) teaches in [Matthew 19:12](#) that "there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs [decided not to marry] for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it." Paul echoes this in [I Corinthians 7:8](#), 32: "But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am. . . . He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord." As Jesus says, remaining unmarried is fine if one can master his sexual drive and devote himself to God's work. God can work out a person's salvation without the aid of the marriage environment.

However, for most of us, the route of marriage is the one we are most likely to take. And, after [baptism](#), the decision to marry is the most critical decision we can make, one we should consider most deeply, not only before we make such a sacred vow, but as we go through it. In fact, the marriage vow is merely the beginning of a process of refinement and growth that will not only bind husband and wife more closely but also enhance the development of holy, righteous, godly character.

— Richard T. Ritenbaugh

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