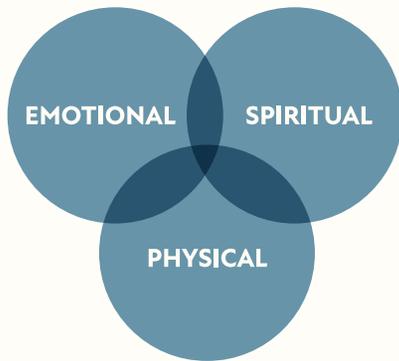


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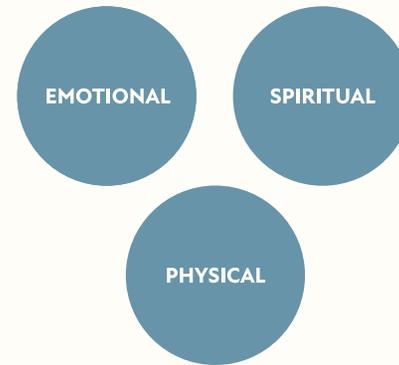
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HOLINESS IN SINGLENES





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“Lord, if it is Your will, I ask that You bring a husband with whom we could do more for Your Kingdom together than we could ever do apart. However, if You see that I can do more for Your Kingdom in my singleness, then I ask that You keep me where I am.”

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Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But **those who marry will face many troubles in this life**, and I want to spare you this.





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I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord.³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—³⁴ and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband.



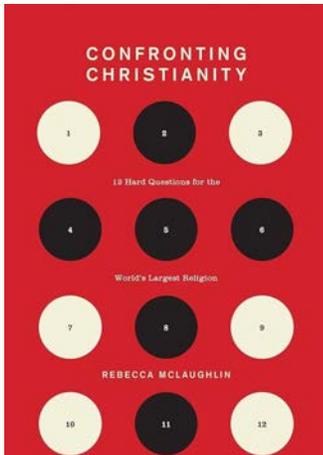


**BE SINGLE ON PURPOSE
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I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in **undivided devotion to the Lord**.³⁶ If anyone is worried that he might not be **acting honorably** toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married.³⁷ But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing.³⁸ So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better.





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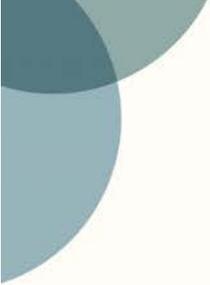


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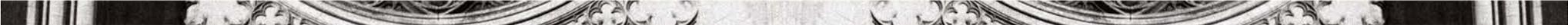
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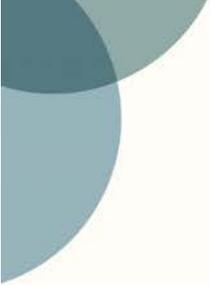
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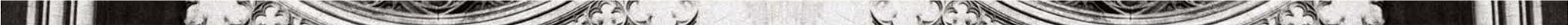
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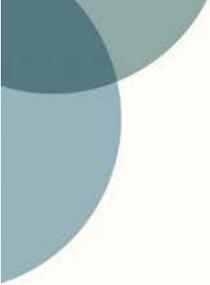




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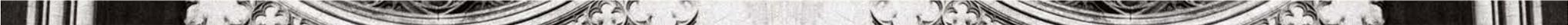
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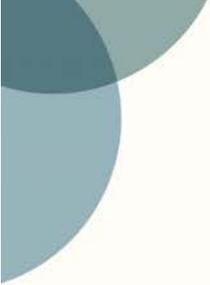




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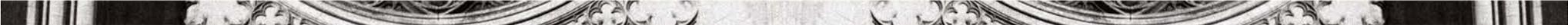
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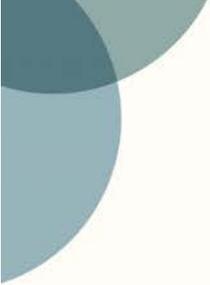




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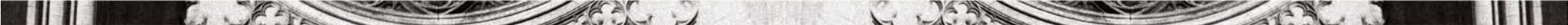
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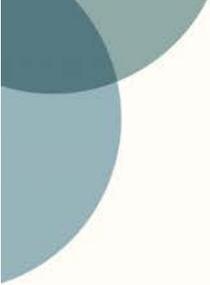




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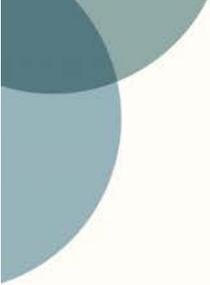
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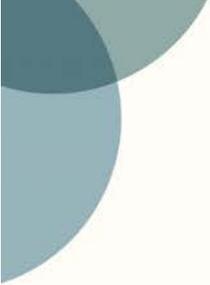
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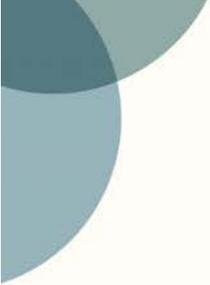
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