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CONSIDERING SINGLENES



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.

1 Cor. 7:25



1) BE CONTENT WITH YOUR CURRENT RELATIONAL STATUS




Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life *that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.*

1 Cor. 7:17



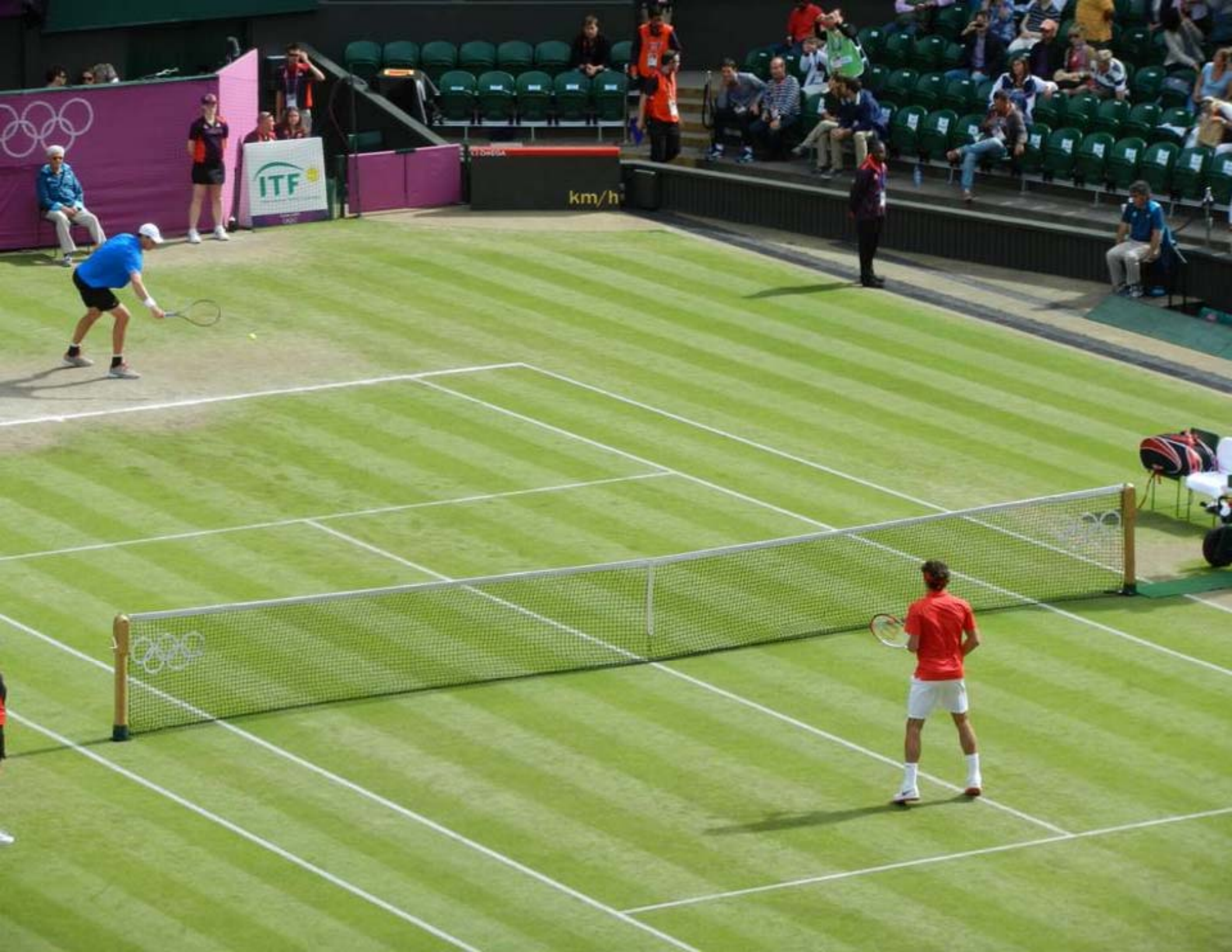


A close-up, slightly low-angle shot of a man's face. He has dark hair and is looking upwards and to the right with a serious, contemplative expression. The lighting is soft and warm, highlighting his features. At the bottom of the frame, there is a dark, semi-transparent rectangular box containing white text.

You complete me.

Don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there. God, not your marital status, defines your life. The really important thing is obeying God's call, following his commands.





1) BE CONTENT WITH YOUR CURRENT RELATIONAL STATUS



2) CONSIDER MARRIAGE IN THE BIG PICTURE (THE VERY BIG PICTURE).





What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

v v 29-31



2) CONSIDER MARRIAGE IN THE BIG PICTURE (THE VERY BIG PICTURE).



3) LEVERAGE YOUR INDEPENDENCE FOR JESUS, NOT JUST FOR YOU.



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. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— 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. 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.

vv 32-35



I'M HAVING MORE FUN THAN YOU

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TRUE-LIFE TERROR

“I was almost
killed on my
way home from
school”

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We are often so short-sighted that we think only of what we are *not* enjoying, rather than what God may have for *his* glory, for our spiritual enrichment and others.

Chuck Swindoll

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There is one thing in which I am in dead earnest and that is the Communist cause. It is my life, my business, my religion, my hobby, my sweetheart, my wife and mistress, my bread and meat. I work at it in the daytime and dream of it at night. Its hold on me grows, not lessens as time goes on.

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“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:37-38





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