



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Not Married

*While living at home during college break, my sister and I visited a local church. We were introduced as Charles and Karen Stambaugh. After the service, a few members came to welcome us. One of them asked if we had any little ones. Without thinking my sister replied, "No, we are not married. We just live together."*

*Sadly, a growing number of people see nothing wrong with living together. Some may justify it by saying they stay in separate rooms. Some say we need to find out if we are compatible first. Others openly state that they do not want the commitment.*

*God in the Garden of Eden first instituted marriage. It was only given to mankind because we were made in the image of God. God has given us His emotions of love, joy and peace. What better way to express these feelings than when two are working towards common goals of being a family? When there is a lack of commitment or trust, the foundation of the home and society is destroyed.*

*"Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother,  
and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 1:24*

*Charles L. Stambaugh*

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