

Series: "CONNECT(ED)"  
Part 4: "SOLD ON SINGLENES"  
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**Two Times When Singleness is Preferred**

**1. For those with \_\_\_\_\_ of singleness**

*<sup>7</sup> But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.*

1 Corinthians 7:7 (NLT)

**2. For those God calls to be single \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>25</sup> Now regarding your question about the young women who are not yet married. I do not have a command from the Lord for them. But the Lord in his mercy has given me wisdom that can be trusted, and I will share it with you. <sup>26</sup> Because of the present crisis, I think it is best to remain as you are. <sup>27</sup> If you have a wife, do not seek to end the marriage. If you do not have a wife, do not seek to get married. <sup>28</sup> But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems.*

*<sup>29</sup> But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. <sup>30</sup> Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. <sup>31</sup> Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.*

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 (NLT)

**Three Essentials for Living a God-Glorifying, Personally Fulfilling Single Life**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_

- With your \_\_\_\_\_

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*<sup>39</sup> A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 7:39 (NLT)

*<sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. <sup>33</sup> But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. <sup>34</sup> His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.*

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_

**How can we better serve singles?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them