



## Single and Devoted to Jesus

### 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

1. Name some misconceptions that Christians can have about single Christians?

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a. Why is it critical for all believers to think biblically about single believers?

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2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-9. What is Paul's view of singleness? Why is this important?

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a. How is remaining single a gift from God? How is this gift experienced?

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3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, 39-40. What should always be the goal of singleness?

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a. What unique struggles do married people have with serving God that singles do not have?

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b. Is being single or being married *more valuable* in God's kingdom? Why?

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4. How should the following Scriptures impact our view of marriage, family and children:

a. Matthew 22:30 –

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b. Isaiah 54:5, Mark 2:20 –

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c. 2 Corinthians 11:2 –

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d. John 1:12-13 –

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e. Revelations 19:9 –

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5. How can singles be fathers and mothers? Consider 1 Corinthians 4:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:7.

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6. How can we tell if we're making marriage or children an idol (our functional god)?

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a. Why is intimacy with God superior to all human relationships?

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7. Should married people promise single people that God has someone for them? Why?

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8. Does living without experiencing sexual intimacy mean a believer is missing out? Why? Consider Psalm 16:11.

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9. How can people use a season of singleness to heal and grow from a past relationship, and prepare for a future relationship/marriage?

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10. What's more difficult – being married or being single? Why?

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11. Give 4 practical ways married believers can care for single believers. Why must *all* married believers care about this?

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