



Sermon Title: A Christian Home part 1

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1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35

According to the most recent Census: Single adults represent >40% of the population in our geographic area. Fortunately, God's Word paints a very clear picture of independent people in the Family.

Big Idea: Appreciate the blessing of singleness.

Paul is an unmarried man at this time in his life (1 Corinthians 7:7-9). Because of his desire to spread the faith of Jesus as far as he can, he sees his singleness as a gift from God. That's why he gives the advice he does, and it is just as applicable to us today.

Singleness is good, but marriage is the better option if the sparks of romance keep coming up in your heart when you meet or are involved with someone of the opposite sex. In God's world, both are great options based on how He has wired you. Singleness:

Frees you from conflicted priorities

1 Corinthians 7:32-34

Paul argues marriage brings up the dual worlds a husband or a wife live in. If you have a spouse – they are not God, but they are someone you appropriately focus on. In difficult marriages, the focus is placed on internal healing. In good marriages, a husband and a wife work to fill each other with joy and, at the same time – work to please God.

Life becomes a competition of time, energy, emotions, attention, passions, and if you're serious about pleasing both, it can make you conflicted especially if your spouse does not believe in Jesus the way you do.

To be devoted to the Lord, Body, and Soul means loving God with all you are. If they go in two different directions: chaos and conflict result. Paul says remaining single eliminates the conflict.

[Focuses you to live for others](#)

1 Corinthians 7:35

Paul's motivation is all love. He's not demanding singleness as a noose you have to put around your neck and be restricted by. But as a loving gift, singleness allows you to avoid cutting up your life into little pieces to please multiple people. Singleness brings focus.

Godly singleness gives you the flexibility to serve others in ways that would be hurtful or damaging to a wife or husband.

The good news for married people is that you can work together to serve the Lord; if husband and wife work as one – the outcome can be the same blessing.

[Prepares you for what's to come](#)

At any given time: 56% of people are married. But since it's so rare that a husband and wife die at the same time – that means almost 75% of us will be single sometime in the future. If you believe singleness is a blessing, the transition in the future will be just a little bit easier. You will grieve the loss of your spouse, but you will be ready for focusing your life on serving Jesus and his people.

Singleness prepares you for what's to come; **Matthew 22:30**

Some day in the future – when believers are raised from the dead, you will know those around you but there will no longer be the need to be married. Loneliness will be impossible with Jesus. You will enjoy complete friendship, and fellowship with one another, and with the Lord.

If you understand singleness just a little bit more, you will be a better friend to those who are single. Stop asking: are you married? Are you involved? Better, ask: are you a believer in Jesus? Tell me about that.... you will be a better witness for Jesus because you won't be focused on a person's marital status – instead – on their eternal destination.

If you are presently single, you know singleness is not the curse people believe it to be. Being single is more important than you may realize.

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- How would you encourage someone who is single yet wants to be married?
- In what ways can a single Christian serve God differently than a married Christian?
- How has your ability to serve God changed with your marital status?
- How are you using your friendships to grow closer to God and serve Him?
- During times of singleness, how has God blessed you?