

_____ is the biblically expected norm, but _____ is rising as the norm of our culture.

We are considering a large, and growing, demographic of people.

1) Paul calls singleness _____

2) The Lord graciously gives us _____ in which we are to live in for a season

This should be encouraging because of what we know about God.

2) The one who marries will have _____

There are things that make your wife/husband happy that have nothing to do with the things you enjoy.

3) We must all look to a _____

Singleness and marriage are important, but if you are a follower of Jesus, they aren't the main storyline of your life.

4) The goal is _____ and _____ to the Lord.

-Good order: Live what is appropriate for this season

-Marriage is not the completion into Christian maturity

-Undivided devotion: following Jesus with your whole self.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** Indeed, I count

everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— **10** that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11