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**Single, Sanctified and Satisfied**

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

**Key truth:** God calls believers to make the most of their singleness for His glory and the advance of His kingdom.

**Tearing down the myth**:

Myth: It is the will of God for everyone to get married.

False: It is not the will of God for everyone to get married.

Truth: Being single is a gift to some and is not considered a

 season of life. Matthew 19:10-12, 1 Corinthians 7:7

**Misconceptions regarding Singleness:**

1. Being Single doesn’t mean you are alone.

2. Being Single doesn’t mean you are incomplete.

 A. Singles Jesus Christ makes you complete.

 B. The church helps you from feeling alone through healthy

 community.

**The Benefits of Singleness:**

1. Single - Undivided devotion to the purpose of God.

 A. Singles should be asking what divine assignment am I on

 from God?

 B. The question for all of us is have we completed our

 assignment from God.

2. Sanctified - Unwilling to settle because sexual desires are

 under the Holy Spirit’s control.

 A. Your affections are totally satisfied in Jesus Christ.

 B. Unwilling to compromise holiness for happiness.

3. Satisfied – Happiness and wholeness is not determined by

 being married but being content in the state that God has

 called you.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Ask God for the contentment to accept the place He has called each of you to be as a gift from Him for our spiritual good. Pray that we would use our singleness or marriages as ways to share the good news.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Paul said it is “good” to remain single. He viewed singleness as a “gift” from God. Do you tend to view singleness that way? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 4:11-13. What is the “secret” to being content? Why did Paul encourage unmarried people and widows to “remain single (1 Cor. 7:8)?

What do you see as the main differences between a Christian view of singleness and a non-Christian view?

What was Paul’s encouragement to singles in verses 1 Cor. 25-28?

In verse 28, Paul noted that those who marry “shall have trouble in the flesh.” In light of his teaching on living solely for God, what troubles do you think he was alluding to? What troubles do those who are married have that singles do not?

Do you resonate with the specific anxieties or concerns Paul mentioned in connection with your stage of life? If not, what are your chief concerns right now? How can you keep from being distracted by those concerns?

What are the biggest threats to a single person’s devotion to and focus on God?

What are the biggest threats to a married person’s devotion to and focus on God?