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**A Word To Singles**

1 Corinthians 7:25-35

**Key Truth:** Being single doesn’t make you a second-class citizen in the Kingdom of God.

**The Wrong View Of Singles:**

1. They are incomplete in Christ because they are not

 married.

2. Something must be wrong with them because they are

 single.

3. They should be looking to get married.

**The Biblical View Of Singleness:**

1. In the Bible, being single is preferred over marriage.

2. The Bible assumes that if you are single, you are not

 sexually active.

 A. If you are single, Jesus calls you to be holy in body and

 spirit.

3. In the Bible, marriage doesn’t solve all your problems.

**Wisdom For Singles:**

A. Give Jesus Christ your undivided devotion.

B. While single, allow God to develop you for His purpose.

C. Maximize your singleness.

 A. Use this time to discover who you really are.

 B. As a single person, you can be selfish with your time

 without feeling guilty.

D. Don’t make marriage your idol, it will disappoint you.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Pray that you would use your singleness as way to please God and glorify His Kingdom.

**Connection Group Study Questions:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly 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 Corinthians 7: 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?