

Restoration: Singleness
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I. Biblical Principles on Singleness

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1. Singleness is good.
2. Singleness provides unique availability to serve God.
3. Singles: Bloom where God has planted you

II. How the Church can Support Singles

1. Recognize the struggles
2. Validate
3. Be a body

III. Truths for Singles Who Desire Marriage

1. Trust in the sovereignty, wisdom, and love God.

Proverbs 16:9 - "The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."

2. Fight to be content

Philippians 4:11-13 – "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹²I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

3. Be devoted to serving
4. Pursue marriage
5. Trust in the providence of God

Matthew 6:25, 33 - "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Philippians 4:19 – "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

6. Rely on prayer.
7. Have a strong support system

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse – Jesus said... “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8

Main Truths: For the Christian, singleness is a gift from God that provides unique opportunities and availability to serve God.

~The church can recognize the struggles singles face, validate them, and function as a body with them.

~The single Christian who desires marriage can pursue these desires, but also can trust in God’s sovereignty and providence while using singleness as an opportunity to be devoted to serving God.

#1- Reviewing This Past Sunday

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1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:8-11, 25-40. Discuss Sunday’s sermon with someone.
2. Have you ever been in a situation where God called you to wait for something you desired? How did you handle it? What Biblical truths can you use to encourage someone in this type of situation?
3. If you are married, discuss with your spouse how you can encourage a single believer you know. If you are single, how can you bless and encourage a married couple in the church?
4. Pray for the singles in our church and for singles in your life.

2- Preparing for Next Sunday

Restoration: Marriage for Today

Matthew 3:13-17

1. Read Matthew 3:13-17.
2. How did John view Jesus’ request and why? (Matthew 3: 13-14 and John 3:25-30)
3. What reason did Jesus give for His baptism? (15)
4. What all happened at Jesus’ baptism, and how is each aspect important to our theology and our daily lives? (16-17)
5. How does this event show us how to live in our marriages and our relationships with one another? Pray as God leads.