

Life Together: Singleness

Reflect

1. What is God's expectation for our romantic relationships?
2. Should everyone be married? How does the Bible support your position?
3. How do you think singleness is generally viewed in our culture?
4. Reflect on the possibility that marriage may be an idol in our culture.

Read Your Bible

- 1 Corinthians 7:7-8
- Titus 2:6
- 1 Corinthians 7:34

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Describe some healthy single people that you know or have known personally.
2. What does it look like to be a single person serving God and others?
3. What are some ways it may be easier or less complicated to serve God as a single person?
4. Describe your vision of romantic relationships when you were growing up.

5. How does culture tell us we could or should use our “body and spirit” as single adults?

6. What does it look like to live life devoted to God in body and spirit?

7. What are some ways we can honor and build up single people in our communities?

Conclusion

Status updates are a part of our lives on social media these days, and one of the ways we do that is by updating our relationship status. There is so much emphasis on getting engaged, married and how to be a good spouse that it is hard to know the best way to be single. What does it mean to live a holy single life? The Apostle Paul offers hope for those who are single and may feel frustrated living in a culture that glorifies marriage. He assures us that a single life can be a God honoring life. In 1 Corinthians 7:34, He asserts that it may be less complicated to live a godly life as a single person than it is as a married person. He goes on to say that focusing on God in “body and spirit” can be challenging for a married person because they can become more concerned with their spouse than God and can become divided in their attention. In some instances, marriage can even become an idol that is placed before God. Our relationship with God should always come first. It is clear though, that no matter your relationship status, we are each called to love and serve the Lord and others as best we can right where we are at.

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of singleness and the opportunity to focus on being devoted only to You. Lord, please strengthen and guide us as we seek to serve You and Your people whether single or married. Help us to continue in devotion to You and to honor You in our relationships. We pray that You cover all our relationships with Your love and grace. Thank You for creating us in love and to love one another. In Jesus’ name. Amen.