

Sex, Romance & The Glory of God

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion
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Sex & Singleness

1 Corinthians 7

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1. Foundational Truths

- Everything is for Jesus – Colossian 1:15,16
- The Bible is God's Word and it is trustworthy – 2 Timothy 3:16,17
God loves His children and is actively pursuing what is best for you – Romans 8:28

2. 1 Corinthians 7:6-9; 25-40

- It is good to remain single. – vs 6,7
- There is no command from God to be married or to stay single vs 25
Being married causes more responsibility and anxieties – as it should be. Vs 32, 33
- Paul is promoting the advantages of and worth of living a single life devoted to the Lord. Vs 35

3. Advantages of being single

- Take greater risks
- You can be mobile
- Can obey quickly
- Can invest in more people
- Not distracted by a family

4. Examples of lifelong singles

- a. Jesus
- b. Paul
- c. Many missionaries
- d. Everyday people

5. Singleness and Sex

- a. Sexual purity makes much of God

6. What do I gain by not disobeying God with my sexual desires?

- a. Intimacy with God – Psalm 63:3 and Psalm 84:10
- b. Give a gift to your future spouse.

7. Why would God give me these desires if He does not want me to partake?

- a. God is after your sanctification

Community Group Questions

1. Singles: What are some of the struggles you deal with in your singleness? What are some general frustrations you experience as a single that your perceive is not experienced as a married?

2. Marrieds: At what age did you get married? In what ways do you interact with singles in your day to day life?

3. Both marrieds and singles: do you see marriage or singleness as a “more advantaged” stage of life? Why or why not?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 7:6-9; 25-40

A. How does the knowledge that this world is not the end of everything change your perspective on singleness and marriage?

B. Singles – according to the scriptures, what advantages does singleness have?

i. What advantages of being single do you enjoy the most?

C. Marrieds – how much increased responsibility and anxiety do you have in marriage compared to when you were single?

D. How does this passage affect your current understanding of singleness and marriage?

5. Read Matthew 22:23-32

A. How does the knowledge that married people will not be married in heaven change your perspective on singleness and marriage?

6. Who are some of the most influential people single people in your life? What do you see in how they live their life as a single that you want to emulate?

7. Singles – if you were to live your whole life as a single, would you be able to rejoice in the Lord and be thankful? Or would you be angry, hurt and upset?

A. How does one cultivate a trust of God in the area of singleness?

8. Marrieds – what are some ways you can be good friends to singles?

9. Singles – what are some ways you can be good friends to marrieds?

10. Singles – what are specific goals you have for your singleness (spiritual and everyday life goals)?

11. Marrieds – what are some goals you have to encourage singles and help point them to depend on God?

12. Singles and marrieds – what is God asking you to do?



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