

SINGLENES: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Background Tidbits:

- 100% of people spend the first part of our lives single
- Of those that do marry, many will end their life single (due to death of spouse or divorce)
- About 40% adults in our community are single
- We will spend eternity single

Many great Christians over the years have been single (e.g. Jesus Christ, Apostle Paul, etc.). The Bible is pro-marriage, BUT is also pro-singleness. The Bible teaches that some are called to be married, and some are called to be single. Some are single as a gift from God, others are single due to circumstances (but God can fill the void left by the absent spouse).

Biblical principles related to singleness include:

- 1) **God calls some people to be single; being single is a gift and calling from God** (Mat 19:10-12; I Cor 7:7).
- 2) **It can be good not to marry** (I Cor 7: 1,8), **and being single has advantages, including:**
 - a) **avoid needless troubles/problems** (I Cor 7:28)
 - b) **make better use of limited time** (I Cor 7:29-31)
 - c) **freedom from concerns** (I Cor 7:32)
 - d) **ability to give undistracted attention to things of the Lord** (I Cor 7:32-35; Mat 19:12)
- 3) **In heaven, we will ALL be single** (Lk 20:34-36, Mk 12:25; Mat 22:30)
- 4) **Relationships with members of the opposite sex should be pure** (I Thes 4:1-8).