

SINGLE, SATISFIED
&
SENT

Caution: satan will go after those who are single!

- Unique dangers of singleness are easily deceived, easily discouraged, easily derailed with life, devotion to God and their ministry to God.

Their needs to be a mindset of singleness in all of us!

- If you are a single person [for whatever the reason] God wants to use you , He want to use your faith, He want to use your time, He wants to use your selflessness, and He wants to use you to radically turn this world upside down for the cause of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 7 the Apostle Paul speaks of marriage and provides two different and specific thoughts concerning marriage.

- First those who are single and those who are married are desire to get married.

1 Corinthians 7:25-26 (NASB)

²⁵ Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

1 Corinthians 7:27-28 (NASB)

²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

²⁸ But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

- *Find it hard to believe that those who marry face trials and troubles.*
- *Unending happiness.*
- *Frustration until you die.*

1 Corinthians 7:29-30 (NASB)

²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; ³⁰ and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;

1 Corinthians 7:32-33 (NASB)

³² But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; ³³ but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

1 Corinthians 7:34-35 (NASB)

³⁴ and *his interests* are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:34-35 (NASB)

³⁵ This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and *to secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord.

- *Singlemindedness will promote what is appropriate to secure devotion and passion to the Lord.*
- *Many will think your singleness is an inhibitor for use in ministry.*

1 Samuel 30:9-10 (NASB)

⁹ So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, *where* those left behind remained. ¹⁰ But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for two hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor remained *behind*.

1 Samuel 30:17-19 (NASB)

¹⁷ David slaughtered them from the twilight until the evening of the next day; and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. ¹⁸ So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ But nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that they had taken for themselves; David brought *it* all back.

1 Samuel 30:21-22 (NASB)

²¹ When David came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow David, who had also been left at the brook Besor, and they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him, then David approached the people and greeted them.

1 Samuel 30:21-22 (NASB)

²² Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away and depart."

Society is infamous for placing people in categories.

- Today people are classified as married.
- Or people are classified as single.
- If you are married then life is good.
- If you are single then something must be wrong.
- Married don't share with singles and singles don't share with the married.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB)

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:22-23 (NASB)

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

It is hard for a married couple to stay singleminded to the Lord.

- *Spouse*
- *Children*
- *Work*
- *After school activities*
- *School*
- *Romance*

Marriage can make people act like idiots wrapped us
as a moron.

Marriage can turn spouses into cannibals ready to eat
each others head off.

Marriage breeds selfishness.

Marriage breeds self centeredness.

Marriage is awesome when it is good, but when it is
bad.....

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James 1:27 (NASB)

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- It is our Christian duty to value those who are single.
- Singles are our greatest assets.
- Single people should be having a blast.
- Single people have the ability, the time, the faith, but no resources.

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²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- Single people have the ability, the time, the faith, but no resources.
- Married people don't have the time but they have the resources.

If you are single God intends to use you in radical ways to advance His Kingdom.

- *Singleness is a unique period of undisturbed devotion to the Lord.*
- *If you are single look for ways that satan might be undermining you mission with short simple pleasures.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NASB)

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

If you are single then say yes to the spontaneous: one of the greatest gifts God has given to the single person is the ability to say yes.

- *Yes to coffee*
- *Yes to visits*
- *Yes to shut ins*
- *Yes to minister to those who are sick*
- *Yes to missions*
- *Yes, Yes, Yes*
- *Singles have the time, the married have the resources*

If you are single;

- *Practice selflessness*
- *Do radical time consuming things for the Lord.*
- *If you are single and looking for a mate, find them on the front line.*
- *Hope in Jesus more than marriage.*
- *If you focus on the harvest you are bound to find a helper.*

We all need to be single minded because satan wants to mess with us.

With our focus on God, turn your demons into art, your shadows into friends, your fears into fuel, your failures into teachers, your weaknesses into reasons to keep fighting, and never again waste your pain, because if God is for you then who could ever be against you.

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