

sermon notes

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| "Singleness" | **Matthew 19:10-12 / 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 / Revelation 19:5-8**

1) Singleness is a _____ from God
Matthew 19:10-12

2) Singleness should not be _____
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

3) Singleness is _____
Revelation 19:5-8

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Define singleness. How does the world encourage single people to use their time, money and resources? Why would the world promote such practices?

How is singleness a gift from God? Why is it not easy to see it as a gift? How can one use their singleness to be devoted to the Lord? For the married in this group, how can your marriage be one that is devoted to the Lord? How can married and single people support one another?

What is meant by the statement: "Singleness should not be wasted?" How is singleness often wasted? Why is it wasted? In what ways have you (either single or married) wasted your single years? If single, in what ways can you better invest your singleness? If married, in what ways can you better invest your time and energy?

What is meant by the statement: "Singleness is impermanent"? In what way is it impermanent? Does this apply to marriage? If so, how? How can single and married people find comfort that neither is permanent? How should we live our lives in light of the impermanence of singleness and marriage?

ADVANCED QUESTION

How should single people approach dating in a way that honors God's Word?

RESOURCES

See resources for more information.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/single-but-not-lonely#:~:text=Whereas%20in%20Genesis%202%20God,curse%2C%20but%20as%20a%20gift.>

<https://www.gospelrelevance.com/2018/02/19/tim-keller-singleness/>