

Faith Works: Family

“God’s Plan for Single People”

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Guiding truth - God created us to have a relationship with Him.
God created us to have relationships with each other.

What did Jesus teach about Marriage and Singleness?

Matthew 19:1-12

- Both marriage and singleness are good.
- Some are born into singleness.
- Some have become single by man.
- Some live single as a spiritual discipline.

“Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only to those to whom it has been given.” Matt. 19:11

Lies about living single

- Single people are deficient.
- A person must be married in order to be complete.
- Marriage will solve all of your problems.
- God will only give you a spouse when you are ready.
- A single person cannot be effective in ministry.
- I cannot be satisfied with God alone.

Practical Principles of Living Single

1 Corinthians 7:25-35

“An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs – how he can please the Lord.” 1 Cor. 7:32

- It is good not to marry. Vs 1
- It’s better to marry than to be overcome by impure sexual desires. Vs 8-9
- Single people avoid the troubles marriage brings. Vs 28
- Single people have undivided concerns for the Lord’s affairs. Vs 32-35
- Realize marriage is temporary. Mt. 22:30
- Don’t use singleness as an excuse for selfish living. Vs 2
- Single people are of great value because our mission is urgent. Vs 26