

# sermon notes

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March 5, 2025 | "A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF SINGLENES"

- 1) Singleness is to be stewarded for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt 19:10–12)
- 2) Singleness has unique potential for \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor 7:24–40)
- 3) Singleness doesn't mean a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt 12:46–50)
- 4) Singleness doesn't exclude a person from an eternal \_\_\_\_\_  
(Isa 56:1–7; Mark 10:29–30)

## ***Application for Singles in the Church:***

- 1) Fix your eyes on \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Use your season of \_\_\_\_\_ for an eternal \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself from your church \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) End your \_\_\_\_\_ of singleness in a \_\_\_\_\_ way

## ***Application for Marrieds in the Church:***

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ singleness
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ with singles
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as needed
- 4) Remember marriage is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of any human

## **Questions for further application of God's Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

Read Matthew 19:10–12. What are the three categories that Jesus gives in that passage? Give one or two examples of individuals who have stewarded their single years effectively for Christ. If unmarried, how are you stewarding your single years for Christ and his kingdom? If married, how did you or didn't you steward your single years for Christ?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:24–40. What unique challenges exist for married people that don't exist for singles? What unique challenges exist for single people that don't exist for marrieds? What are the unique kingdom building opportunities for each? What blessings are available to each?

### **GET PERSONAL**

What are some ways that singles can stay connected to a local church family? Why is this necessary for singles? Why is this necessary for all followers of Christ? What are the radical implications of Jesus's statement in Matthew 12:46–50?

What are some common mistakes that singles make before they get married? What does the Bible teach about marriage to unbelievers? What are some characteristics that a single person should be looking for in a potential spouse? How does a single person end his or her season of singleness in a God-honoring way?

### **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**

What are some ways that married folks can affirm the singles in their congregation? Why is it important that we leverage the strengths of marrieds and singles in the church? Why do we need to guard against demographic segregation?

### **ADVANCED QUESTION**

Throughout Christian history, Christians have erred by either glamorizing singleness as inherently pious or stigmatizing singleness as something less than what God wants for a believer. Give some examples of these tendencies. Why are both of these errors so dangerous?