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1 Corinthians 7, p. 796

Paul often writes about marriage.

Here's what he says about being single:

(1 Corinthians 7:1-2, 5-9, 17, 25-28, 32-35, 37-38)

1. Being single is a **good gift**. (7:7-9)
2. Being single is **not an inferior status**. (7:7, 17, 26, 37-38)
3. Being single **insulates you from marital** struggle. (7:25-28)
4. Being single provides **unique freedom**. (7:32-35)
5. Being single may be for **a lifetime or simply for a season**. (7:36-40)
6. Being single, the goal is **the same**.

Three examples:

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ONE THING: **Enjoy your gift!**

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 7:7 and 17.
- Go public for Jesus: Believer's Baptism (August 12).
- Basics Waypoint (second hour on July 15).
- Accept the 5% challenge!

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

1 KEEPING IT REAL

Whether you are now married or single reflect upon the single season of your life. What were or are the greatest challenges and temptations you had or are dealing with now?

2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read Matthew 19:3-12 and consider how Jesus' views of marriage align with Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 7:7.

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Compare and contrast the advantages of singleness that Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 7:28 and 7:32-34 with the disadvantage mentioned in Genesis 2:18.

4 TAKING IT FURTHER

Whether you are single or married ask God in prayer this week to equip you with the unique gifts that you need to live a holy lifestyle that will make you a light to the world.

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please visit oakwoodnow.org and download today's sermon notes (hyperlinks to songs are embedded in file).

[Rising Sun](#)

[Even So Come](#)

[Shout to the Lord](#)

[Build My Life](#)

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[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#)