

Marriage and Family v2

Lesson 9 Living Single

Preparing For Marriage

1. Marriage is the normal course of life for most men and women
2. Become and live as a Christian
3. Develop godly friends so that faith may be strengthened
4. Learn to provide for your future family
5. Flee fornication and pursue scriptural courtship and lifelong marriage
6. Learn that the deeper love will help you overcome problems in marriage

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Introduction

- For the majority of people, marriage is the normal course of life
- God, for our good, created marriage, designed it and governs it
- But, due to either our choices or circumstances, many find themselves single
- The world's view of the single life is a life of selfishness and fornication

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Introduction

- Many who live single are faced with the challenges of loneliness, selfishness and temptations regarding fornication
- With God's help, living single can become a great opportunity to become a stronger Christian who gives more time to serve the Lord and others to His glory

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Marriage is the normal course of life for most men and women

Gen 2:22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Gen 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

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Marriage is the normal course of life for most men and women

Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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Living single is not sinful

- Wrong idea – marriage is honorable and being single is shameful or disgraceful
- If we trust in and obey the Lord, being single can be a blessing in many ways
- Some never married choose to be single while many desire greatly to be married
- But many who are married will be single again due to death of mate or divorce

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- Although we will face problems when single, being single must never be viewed as a punishment or curse or a lesser state than being married
- Most important for both married and single is that we live in the Lord now that one day we may go home to be with Him
- Learn the Lord's solutions so that we may not be corrupted by the sinful single behavior common today

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Some examples of godly single people from the Bible

Daniel	Jesus
Jeremiah	John The Baptist
Elijah	Paul
Ezekiel (widowed)	Timothy
Nehemiah	Anna (widowed)

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The Bible recognizes various ways people are single

1Co 7:6 But this I say by way of concession, not of command.

1Co 7:7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

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1Co 7:8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I.

1Co 7:9 But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Mat 19:10 The disciples *said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

Mat 19:11 But He said to them, "Not all men can accept this statement, but only those to whom it has been given."

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Mat 19:12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it."

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Luk 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery."

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Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

Rom 7:3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

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1Co 7:39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

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Some challenges facing those who are single

1. Loneliness
2. Insecurity
3. Resentment and bitterness
4. Ingratitude and selfishness
5. Temptation to commit sexual sins

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Recognize our spiritual value is determined by the Lord

Rom 14:7 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

Rom 14:8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Rom 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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1Jn 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

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1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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Use our time to strengthen our relationship with the lord

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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Use our time to strengthen our relationship with the lord

1Co 7:32 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;

1Co 7:33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

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1Co 7:34 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.

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1Co 7:35 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.

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2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Actively love and serve others

1Pe 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

1Pe 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1Pe 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

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Seek out godly wisdom and advice

Psa 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

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Psa 1:3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

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Flee fornication

1Co 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

2Ti 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

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Believe with God's help you can become A stronger Christian

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with power through His Spirit
in the inner man,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith; and that you, being
rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to comprehend with
all the saints what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,

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Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge, that you may
be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far
more abundantly beyond all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works
within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him be the glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever
and ever. Amen.

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