

## ***"The Single Christian"***

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### **Introduction**

1. Many of our lessons on the family have been aimed at discussing the challenges of marriage and parenting. This time we are focusing on a huge part of the Church the "Single Christian".

### **I. Questions Regarding The Single Christian**

- a. Why would anyone be single?
  - i. Some by circumstances- Many will spend first 25 years and the last 10-15 years of life as a single. All of us at least for a few years will need to make the most of being single!
  - ii. Some by choice- did you know that 37% of adults are single?

### **II. God's Word Concerning Singles – 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

- a. Get To Know God Like No One Else- Opportunity #1
  - i. Singles can be and should be care free
  - ii. First, discover God's ability to satisfy
    1. Isaiah 55:2-3- fill yourself with true satisfaction
  - iii. Second, discover God's Grace
    1. Dealing with temptations- 1 Corinthians 10:1; Titus 2:12
    2. Seek forgiveness for when you fail- 1 John 1:9
- b. Get To Know Yourself Like God Knows You- Opportunity #2
  - i. It is amazing how much God knows us- Psalm 139:1-4
  - ii. You may have to deal with your past
  - iii. Get a handle on the present
  - iv. Start looking forward to the future God has for you- Jeremiah 29:11-12
  - v. If you know God and know yourself like God knows you then you can give yourself over to God completely
    1. Read John 15:4-5 and remember "Without God there are some things you cannot do. Without you there are some things God will not do."
    2. Ezekiel 22:30-31 would you be this person?

### **III. Counsel Regarding Singles In The Church**

- a. To Those Who Are Single...
  - i. Utilize the advantages of being single
    1. Use your freedoms to serve God and Church
  - ii. Watch out for the dangers of being single- temptations, loneliness and self-centeredness
  - iii. Remember that you are in the family of God- Mark 10:29-30
- b. To Those Who Are Not Single...
  - i. Be acceptive and don't consider them strange who have the gift of living single
  - ii. Be understanding to those who are single by circumstance
  - iii. Be sensitive toward all who are single and understand their need to be part of the family in Christ and their need for friendship and involvement.