

THE CREATOR'S DESIGN: SINGLENES

Matthew 19, 1 Corinthians 6 & 7

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New Testament Singles of Note...

Kingdom Building 1.0

Adam & Eve

Abraham; Isaac

Jacob

Kingdom Building 2.0

Isaiah 53 – Messiah

Isaiah 56:6,10 – Eunuchs

Mark 10:29-30 – Anyone...

“Be Fruitful & Multiply becomes Go and Make Disciples”

Singles in U.S. – not living with spouse = 42%

Singles at ABC – approximately 31%

Matthew 19:1-12

Brief review of situation in Corinth

Sexuality

Rival Teachings

Corinthian Mottos:

1 Cor 6:12 “Everything is permissible.”

1 Cor 6:13 “Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods.”

1 Cor 6:18 “Every sin a person can commit is outside the body.”

1 Cor 7:1 “It is good for a man not to have relations with a woman.”

The Creator's Design for Singleness:

Primary – no single human relationship

Permanent – until/if it changes

Exclusive – excludes sexual involvement

Intimate – relationships in the church

Believer's response to unwanted singleness:

- Trust God's Sovereignty
- Accept it (even as a trial) and rejoice in how it is changing you
- Focus on becoming a person that will glorify God in marriage
- Only consider potential relationships with believers
- Pray

The Church's Role....

Community/Companionship/“Family”

Assistance with Responsibilities (kids)

Avoid Unwise “Matchmaking”/Pressure

Unapologetic Teaching/Practicing Truth

Resource: 10 Words of Counsel to Single People by J. Piper