

Singled Out For Christ

Matthew 19:10-12

Introduction: Many sermons and classes have been taught which focus on marriage and the family, yet a sizeable portion of most congregations is single. What is God's will for these Christians?

I. Is Married Life Preferred Over Single Life?

- A. God has ordained marriage
Hebrews 13:4, Genesis 2:24
- B. God has ordained single life
Matthew 19:11-12, 1 Corinthians 7:7-8
- C. We are to serve God regardless of our marital status,
Colossians 3:17, Philippians 4:11-13

II. How Can A Single Person Serve Christ?

- A. By example, 1 Corinthians 7:10-16
- B. By use of time, 1 Corinthians 7:33-34
- C. By effort, 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 (v. 5)
- D. By faith in God, 1 Timothy 4:12

III. What Are God's Instructions For the Single Person?

- A. Beware of temptations
1 Timothy 5:11-14, 1 Corinthians 7:9
- B. Be an active part of the Lord's body
1 Corinthians 12:12, 27
- C. Use what you have for Christ
1 Corinthians 7:32, 1 Timothy 5:5