

SEX

SEX AND THE SINGLE LIFE

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THREE KIND OF SINGLE ADULTS

1. THOSE SINGLE _____

1 Cor 7:7 (NLT) I wish everyone could get along without marrying, just as I do. But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of marriage, and to others he gives the gift of singleness.

2. THOSE SINGLE BY _____

1 Cor 7:15 (NIV) But if any unbeliever (spouse) leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances.

3. THOSE SINGLE BY _____

Matt 19:12 (NLT) ...some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY SINGLE LIFE

1. _____ MY CIRCUMSTANCES

Phil 4:11 + 13 (ESV) I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content... In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret ... I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2. _____ GOD'S STANDARD

Jer 29:28 (NIV) He sent this message to us in Babylon: it will be a long time. Therefore build houses and settle down and plant gardens.

1 Thes 4:3 (TM) God wants you to live a pure life. So keep yourself from sexual promiscuity.

Phil 2:13 (TEV) God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose.

GOD'S STANDARD: SEX IS FOR MARRIAGE ONLY

1 Thes 4:5 + 8(NCV) Don't use your body for sexual sin like the people who do not know God. The person who refuses to obey this is disobeying God. Not simply a human teaching.

Heb 13:4 (NIV) ...God will judge all the sexually immoral.

1 Cor 5:11 (NLT) You are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a Christian yet indulges in sexual sin... Don't even eat with such people.

THE REWARD

2 Tim 2:21 (NLT) If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

3. _____ RELATIONSHIPS

Gen 2:18 (NIV) It is not good for man to be alone...

1 Pet 1:22 (NCV) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, you can have true love for your Christian brothers and sisters. So love each other deeply with all your heart.

4. _____ FREEDOM

1 Cor 7:32-34 (TM) When you're unmarried, you're free to concentrate on simply pleasing the Master. Marriage involves...so many more demands on your attention. The time and energy that marriage people spend on caring for and nurturing each other, the unmarried can spend in becoming whole and holy instruments of God.

Gal 5:13 (TM) Don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do...rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love.