

Sermon Notes: 5.16.21

MAKING AN IMPACT: Relating as Single or Single Again

BIG IDEA: Find your fulfillment in Christ, not a spouse.

1. WHAT IF I'M SINGLE?

- IT'S GOOD TO STAY SINGLE

Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. 1 Corinthians 7:8 (NIV)

I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.”
1 Corinthians 7:35 (NLT)

- WHILE SINGLE, STAY CELIBATE

To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (ESV)

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
1 Corinthians 6:11

Flee from sexual immorality. 1 Corinthians 6:18

2. WHAT IF I WANT TO GET MARRIED?

- CHOOSE A CHRISTIAN

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers....What portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:39

- CHOOSE WISELY

3. WHAT IF I'M DIVORCED?

- RECONCILE OR STAY SINGLE

...The wife should not separate from her husband (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

- REMARRIAGE MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES

But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15

4. WHAT IF I'M WIDOWED?

So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. 1 Timothy 5:14

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