

FAMILY MATTERS

Designed for
Relationships



Ephesians 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.



**In Christ, God takes
strangers and brings them
into His family.**



What is God's purpose for His new family?

Maturity and Mission



**What should our
relationships with one
another look like so we
accomplish God's purposes?**



Relationship Status: Single



1) What is God's Purpose for Singleness?

2) How should we embrace singles in the Family of God?



Three Lies about Singleness

Lie #1 Singleness is a Curse



God's View: Singleness is a Gift



1 Corinthians 7:7-8

I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.



Three Lies about Singleness

Lie #2 Singleness is a Disadvantage



God's View: Singleness has Kingdom Advantages



1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— and his interests are divided.



1 Corinthians 7:32-35

An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband.



1 Corinthians 7:32-35

*I am saying this for your own good,
not to restrict you, but that you may
live in a right way in undivided
devotion to the Lord.*



Matthew 19:12

For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

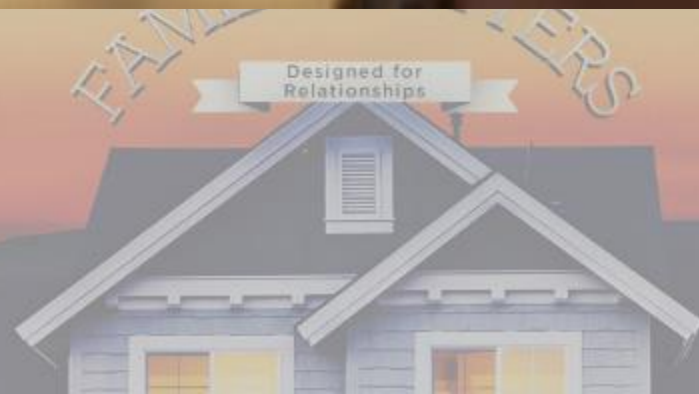


Three Lies about Singleness

**Lie #3 Marriage
(or a Relationship) Will
Complete You**



You complete me.



Ernest Becker

We live in a secular society that largely believes there is nothing past this life. There has never been a society that had such an understanding of the insignificance of human life, and as a result there has never been a society that put so much emphasis on romance and true love.



Ernest Becker

The self-glorification that humans need in their innermost being is looked for no longer in God but a love partner. What is it that we want when we elevate the love partner to this level? To rid us of our faults. Rid us of our feelings of nothingness. We want to be justified; feel that our existence is meaningful. We want redemption and nothing less.



God's View: Ultimate Fulfillment Comes through a Relationship with Christ

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Tony Evans

The only thing more painful than being single and miserable is being married and miserable. Singles who are waiting on God with the right kind of thinking know that marriage is not an escape from loneliness or lack of fulfillment or temptation, because there are lonely, unfulfilled and tempted married people.



God's View

Singleness is a Gift

Singleness has Kingdom Advantages

**Ultimate Fulfillment Comes through
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How should we embrace singles in the Family of God?



Hold Singles in High Value.

**Use your singleness to serve God and
His family.**

Pursue integrated relationships.

