

Discuss

1. Does your church or social group esteem singleness and the single? Why do they take this view? How could you develop and display a more positive view of singleness?
2. In what areas of life am I struggling to be holy?
3. How can married men be more inclusive of single people (of all ages) without being condescending?
4. How can single and unmarried people deal with sexual temptation? How can they lessen the risks? How can they increase their self-control?
5. What two struggles does the author mention that make singleness especially hard? (43-44)
6. Why does the author suggest that single persons will not always be single? (44-45) What can singles do in the mean time?

Bible Study

Read: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, 32-35

1. What basic principles does Paul teach from verses 17-24 about marriage and singleness?
2. From vv. 32-35, what are the advantages of being single? (Also see book pp. 42-43)
3. How can I best use my current status to 'please the Lord'?

Read: Matthew 19:8-12

4. Does Jesus suggest you need more of a special gift to be married or to be single?
5. What is God's solution for someone who is unhappily single or unhappily married?
6. If you want to get married, but can't find a partner, are you just being too fussy? If not, why do you think that it is that you are still single?