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# ***RELATIONSHIPS***

thriving in God and caring for one another

# SINGLES

***How God Views Singles***

***Why it's Tough to be Single***

***How to Thrive in Singleness***

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- Dr. Barry Danylak

<http://www.redeemingsingleness.com/index.html>

- Dr. John Piper

"Single in Christ"

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**Genesis 1:27-28:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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**Hebrews 11:8, 12:** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going... <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

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**God changed the name of  
Abram - *high (exalted) father*  
to  
Abraham - *father of the nations***

**Genesis 17:5:** No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

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**Isaiah 56:4-7:** For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, <sup>5</sup> I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

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## *Why it's Tough to be Single*

- More than 7,500 dating sites exist on the web
- Dating is a 1.8 billion dollar online industry, with eHarmony responsible for 4% of marriages
- For every 100 black women there are only 91 black men. Most races are about equal
- There is a mental and emotional burden that makes singles feel as if something is wrong with them if they are not married
- Pressure from family and friends
- Gordon College - "ring by spring"

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# *Why it's Tough to be Single*

- Being holy is costly
- Being single can be seen as a curse

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**1 Corinthians 7:32-35, 38:** I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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**1 Corinthians 7:32-35, 38:** So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

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## SINGLE

- solo decision making
- you and God
- NO physical intimacy

## MARRIED

- physical intimacy
- divided between spouse & God
- caring about worldly things

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## *How to Thrive in Singleness*

**1 Corinthians 7:7:** I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

**Matthew 19:12:** For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

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<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

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