

1 Corinthians 7:17-40 – God’s Word to Singles.

“The single life is _____?”

Four things to think about with singleness:

1. **The identity God wants you to have.** [vv.17-24, 29-31].

Is your identity grounded in Christ?

Is Jesus your consolation prize or your everything?

2. **The benefits God wants you to see.** [vv.25-28, 32-35]

Spared “troubles.”

Undistracted devotion.

Do you see the blessings of singleness?

3. **The wisdom God wants you to use** [vv.36-40]

Three factors in the question of marriage:

1. Desire [vv.36-39].
2. Timing [v.26].
3. Person [v.39].

4. **The help God wants you to know.**

Three provisions of God in the struggle:

1. Himself [v.24].
2. His people [12:25-26].
3. His future promise [Rev 7:17; 19:7]