

Singleness & Marriage

The Ministry of Singleness

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1 Corinthians 7:7-9,17

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Introduction: Did you know that you will be single for eternity? That's not a word of prophetic doom! (Despite what they might tell you in the culture today.) That's a promise of eternal bliss. Jesus says: "In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage." Someday we'll all be single! So how does that promise and the coming bliss shape life today? What does it tell us about the meaning of singleness and marriage today? And how should it shape the commitments we make to one another as members of one another in the new family of Jesus today?

Review: Last Sunday we were asked to look to the new family. How did you do with that?

Read: 1 Corinthians 7:7-9,17

Prayer: Father, help us to understand our own calling and gift, whether unmarried or married. Amen

Discussion:

1. What did Paul mean in verse 7?
2. Why does Paul use himself as an example in this text? Explain.
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3. Does this text relate to the life of Jesus? If not, why not? If it does, how?
4. How does verse 17 help us? Do you feel called to your present place in life? Is this an integrity issue? Are you grateful?

Application: This week, pursue the place the Lord has assigned to you with love.

Prayer: Father, help us to appreciate that the advice of Paul in this text is good news. Amen.