

SERMON NOTES

Title: One is a Whole Number

Text: Genesis 2:18; Mark 3:31-35

Topic: Singleness; Relationships

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A commonly held view is that marriage is _____. The flip side of that, is that singles are _____, _____, _____.

“The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Genesis 2:18 We’ve made this out to say something it was _____ to say.

_____ human beings need _____ and cannot live alone, but that is not to say that _____ should be married.

In Mark 3:31-35 Jesus gives a _____ of relationships: Your spiritual bond with a person can be _____ than you blood bond.

Biblical Characters who were single: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____. _____ was not only single, but he says in I Corinthians 7:7 *“I wish that all men were as I am.”*

Guidelines for those who are single and those who are not:

FOR SINGLES:

1. Seek God’s _____ for your life.
2. Live with _____ now.
3. Cultivate _____ relationships.
4. Be _____ about marrying, particularly if you are _____ with your present state. “_____ marriage” is better than a “_____ marriage.”
5. Stay _____ pure.

FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

1. Value the _____ person.
2. Develop _____ toward singles.
3. Integrate singles into _____ of the church.
4. Include singles into your _____.

Digging Deeper: In Mark 3:31-35 Why was Jesus family worried about Him? What did the crowd expect? What did Jesus say is the basis for a family relationship with Him? Is doing God’s will an action or a belief?

For Further Reflection: What would be true of a Kingdom where the King viewed his subjects as his brothers and sisters? How does that reflect Jesus’ relationship with you?