

**Should Christians Be Single?**  
**1 Corinthians 7:25-40**  
**January 23, 2022**

**I. “Remain As You Are” (V. 25-28)**

- A. Singleness is not a command of the Lord, but a Spirit-led, personal judgment of the Christian.
- B. Singleness protects a Christian from avoidable temptation.

**II. “This Is What I Mean” (V. 29-40)**

- A. Singleness is not about finding hope in this world, but about finding hope in Christ.
- B. Singleness is not a holier lifestyle than marriage, but it can be a more devoted one.
- C. Singleness does not become marriage simply because one “plans” to get married.
- D. Singleness does not apply to unhappily married people.
- E. The benefits of singleness apply to all unmarried Christians, not just never-married Christians.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40.
2. What is the difference between a command from the Lord and a personal judgment from a trustworthy Christian, as verse 25 describes?
3. What is the difference between finding a spouse, which is good, and seeking a spouse, which scripture cautions against in verse 26? How can scripture caution against seeking a spouse even though marriage is not a sin?
4. Why are Christians in general called to have a certain level of detachment from the world, as directed in verses 29-31? How can Christian spouses be expected to both live as though they had no spouse (V. 29) while also loving their spouses as God called them to do (Ephesians 5:23-33)?
5. In what way is a married person's desire to please their spouse a godly anxiety? In what way can it also be a worldly anxiety, as verse 34 says? Can even a marriage between two Christians yield some worldly anxieties for each other? How?
6. Is a passionate engagement reason to become sexually active before marriage, according to verse 36-37? Why?
7. Is an unhappy marriage reason to behave like one is single, according to verse 39? Why?
8. Pray for our church, that our members would be filled with wisdom and insight to navigate through gray areas of life with grace, gospel fluency, and biblical confidence. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: Job 13-15

January Memory Verses: Job 9:2-4



**Isaiah 45:22-23 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> *“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.  
<sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’”*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. The new registration will last through 4/17/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for our Disciple Now event on February 11-13 for our youth group, that it would ultimately lead to students being saved and baptized.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Marge D. (brother), Ida S. (sister-in-law), Dorothy C. (sister-in-law), Gwen L. (brother), Rita H. (daughter-in-law), Kelly J., Rick S., Andrew R. and family (sister, aunt, & mother, Julie R.), Paul & Kathy W. (daughter’s significant other), Comfort J. (husband), Trevon T. (grandmother), and Walter W. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots, hip pain), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Ruthie C. (tumor/kidney stone), Margaret J’s husband (recovering from pneumonia), Raul O. (recovering from triple bypass surgery), Ken R. (pre-cancerous tissue), George O. (recovering from foot surgery), Dave C. (recovering from shoulder surgery)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of