

Singleness

I Corinthians 7

1. Don't get overly focused on marriage or singleness – but obedience to God in these last days. [7:17-24, 29-31]

2. Singleness is not 2nd best, and even has a distinct advantage!

3. However, singleness provides at least two significant challenges – sexuality and loneliness.

“When Paul says, ‘the form of this world is passing away’ [v. 31], he is not concerned with the *amount* of time the believers in Corinth have left, but with the radical new perspective the ‘foreshortened future’ gives one with regard to the *present* age. Those who have a definite future and see it with clarity, tend to live in the present with radically altered values as to what counts and what does not.”

Gordon Fee, “I Corinthians”