

## Divine Guidelines for Singleness

*a study in 1 Cor. 7:17-40*

### I. Introduction

1. In vv. 17-24, Paul furthers the principle of faithfulness where God has called you
2. In vv. 25-40, after making it clear that neither marriage nor singleness are holier than the other, Paul gives reasons for remaining single

### II. The Christian and Society (vv. 17-24)

1. What matters is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do not focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ above the supernatural in your life

### III. Reasons for Remaining Single (vv. 25-40) (there are six)

1. The intensity of the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ gives a reason for spiritually-focused individuals
2. Marriage brings with it its \_\_\_\_\_ that singleness may not have.
3. Christians do not focus their energies or tie their happiness to \_\_\_\_\_
4. Marriage introduces certain \_\_\_\_\_ that those who are single are not subject to
5. When it comes to the Father and his daughter, if she wants to serve the \_\_\_\_\_ in singleness or marriage, then the choice results in her good or her best.
6. If the Christian is single, widowed, or divorced, then singleness may be a \_\_\_\_\_ the believer can serve God with.

### IV. Conclusion

1. The blessing of the Lord will be on the *faithful*
2. The seriousness of sin should encourage us to serve the Lord carefully and fervently
3. Marriage is a wonderful blessing, just as singleness is a gift from the Lord

**Answer Key:**

**I. Introduction**

**II. The Christian and Society (vv. 17-24)**

1. What matters is **FAITHFULNESS**
2. Do not focus on the **NATURAL** above the supernatural in your life

**III. Reasons for Remaining Single (vv. 25-40) (there are six)**

1. The intensity of the spiritual **WARFARE** gives a reason for spiritually-focused individuals
2. Marriage brings with it its **CHALLENGES** that singleness may not have.
3. Christians do not focus their energies or tie their happiness to **THIS WORLD**
4. Marriage introduces certain **RESPONSIBILITIES** that those who are single are not subject to
5. When it comes to the Father and his daughter, if she wants to serve the **LORD** in singleness or marriage, then the choice results in her good or her best.
6. If the Christian is single, widowed, or divorced, then singleness may be a **GIFT** the believer can serve God with.

**IV. Conclusion**