

LOVE. AND MARRIAGE.

“Singleness”
Genesis 2

Created for _____.
Created for relationship at the expense of _____.

Our culture would say that our _____ gives us value.

God’s design would say that _____ in us gives us value.
(Genesis 1:27, 9:5-6; James 3:7-9)

There are only 2 things in our world that are eternal.
The _____ and _____.

Singles are also —
Created for _____.
(I Corinthians 7:6-7, 8)

Created for relationship at the expense of _____.
(I Corinthians 7:9)

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

1. We've heard twice now that part of God's design is that we are created for relationship at the expense of ourselves. Genesis 2 teaches that men needed women, and that men should leave their own families to care for a woman for a lifetime. This is a contrast with a modern idea that men and women are distractions from their personal futures. In what ways is it good, or wise, or healthy for a man or a woman to invest their life in others?
2. We read that Paul thinks it can be a very good thing for a Christian to not marry someone. He shifts the calling to invest your life in a mate into investing your life into others in a church. What good can come from a single person investing in others? What fulfillment can come from a single person investing in others?
3. Part of why this can be such a healthy world view is because it is how the Bible sees the manner in which people give value to others. Maybe you aren't sure, but what does it mean to have value from God's image in you?

Memory Verse

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 ESV