BIBLICAL SEXUALITY JourneyMen, April 17, 2013 PART IV: SEXUALITY AND MAINTAINING PURITY Session 12: "Perpetuating Purity In My Single Life"

SINGLE PEOPLE

Three Situations Addressed by Paul (1 Corinthians 7)

- Marrieds who wonder if they should act single. (7:1-9)
- Marrieds who wonder if they should become single. (7:10-24)
- <u>Singles</u> who wonder whether they should get <u>Married</u>. (7:25-38)

Three Types of Singles

- The unmarried
- · The Widow
- The virgin

SINGLE PROPOSAL

Paul promotes lives characterized by **Contentment** and **Commitment**.

- Repetition
- Continuation
- Comparison

Single <u>Purpose</u> is more important that Sexual Pleasure.

- Because of urgent duty. (29-31)
- Because of undistracted devotion. (32-35)

Sexual Purity is more important than Single Purpose. (8-9)

Conclusion: Paul promotes lives of **Purpose** and **Purity**.

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SINGLE PROBLEM

- Pressure from culture.
- Pressure from Christians.

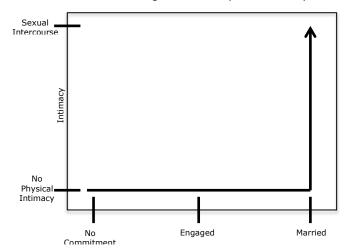
SINGLE PURITY

Typical Progression of Physical Intimacy

No Physical Intimacy

No Engaged Married

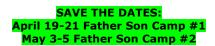
Biblical Progression of Physical Intimacy



- As a family of believers, singles are called to treat younger women as <u>Sisters</u> in all purity. (Timothy 5:1-2)
- Singles are called to control their bodies. (Timothy 5:1-2)
- Singles are to be careful not to defraud one another. (1 Thessalonians 4:6-8)
- Singles should grow in their ability to love one another.
 (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Do you remember what it was like to be single? What 2-3 adjectives come to mind to describe what it was like for you? Singles what words describe what it's like for you to be single?
- 2. In what ways should the church encourage singles to live according to the Lord's ideal for singles?



3. Which of today's principles do you think is most important for you to communicate to your sons and daughters?