

ENCORE Discoveries

1. What was the primary lesson we learned last week from verses 10-24 about the “Permanence of Marriage”?
2. What is the key theme in today’s verses? *THE _____ OF MARRIAGE*
3. What are some advantages of staying single?
4. What are some advantages of being married?
5. Should a single life be promoted as much as a marital union? In what circumstances would it be preferred? In what circumstances would it prove awkward?
6. What opportunities do married people have that single people do not have?
7. Can divorced/separated people have an effective ministry for God? If yes, how?
8. Have single men and single women been forced out of strategic opportunities for Christian service? Would it be preferable for a pastor to be single or married?
9. According to Paul, what is the main reason for a believer to remain single (if they are “gifted” for that)?
10. What is the one essential requirement God gives for a Christian in marriage (v. 39)?

Theme: Priority of Marriage

Monday

How can you specifically use your unique experiences as either a single or married person in service to God? List several ways.

Tuesday

Whether married or single, how can you sharpen your eternal focus in light of the brevity of this life, “for the form of this world is passing away” (vs. 31)?

Wednesday

Verses 32-34 contrast the responsibilities of singles and those that are married. How does this apply to you? What can you do to improve in this area?

Thursday

As either single, married, or divorced, what is your goal in life?

Friday

If you’re still single, will you commit to marrying only a spiritually-growing believer?

Saturday

“LORD, help me to be content in the marital status I find myself now, content to serve You and wait for Your leading in my life on a daily basis.”