

S*INGLE, SAVED and MOVING FORWARD*

SINGLE

Singleness of the heart - vs - Singleness in the flesh

SINGLENESS OF THE HEART

Singleness of the heart is when your spiritual life is geared toward the one and only true and living God of your salvation. God claims to be a jealous God and that He will share you with no other. (Ex. 20:5, 34:14; Nah. 1:2; Deut. 4:24, 5:9, 6:15; Josh. 24:19) If we look at Joseph when he was sold to be a servant in Potiphar's house in Gen. 37:36. Joseph found himself in a situation whereas Potiphar's wife Potipherah wanted to have him for herself. (Gen. 39:7-20) But, because of Joseph's singleness of the heart or dedication toward God, he would not lie with Potipherah. Why? Because, Joseph did not want to displease God he would not lie with her. For the scripture reads; Let every man have his own wife. (1 Cor. 7:2) We find that Joseph was a goodly (good looking) person and he was well-favored. (Gen. 39:6) Being attractive to someone is the first thing that causes someone to respond toward you. But, we are drawn away by our own lust, and enticed; and when it is conceived it bringeth forth sin and when it is finished, it bringeth forth death. (Js. 1:14, 15) This happens when we act upon our emotions without applying the Word of God, and go about getting what we desire in a godly manner. It is better to marry than to burn. We should be dedicated to God and Him only should we serve. (Lk 4:8, 16:13; 1 Thess 1:9; Mt 4:10, 6:24; 1 Sam 7:3) Remember, when one is rejected; they may respond in anger. That's okay. Because the one you choose and want will be pleased. Who do you want to satisfy God or man?

- 1Cor 7:9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.
- 1Sa 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.
- Lu 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

SCRIPTURES

ACTS 2: 36

COLOSSIANS 3:22

EPHESIANS 6:5

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and **singleness of heart**,

SINGLENES OF THE FLESH (UNMARRIED)

Singleness of the flesh is when someone is unmarried. There are many way in which a person may be or become single; no matter the age group, race, sex, or ethnicity (creed). It is not limited to just the young and never married. The ultimate reality is when someone is alone and have no one according to the law; being married, whether you are dating or not, you are still considered single. The only way someone can become in union with someone is to marry them. It is even against the law (our law) to commit fornication or adultery. Check the courts. Some states give you prison time when caught in such acts. Even in the spirit, one is condemned. He condemns himself to death through God's judgement. Common law marriage is not a legal marriage in the sight of God or the law (in most cases). Even though some states recognize common law marriages; heaven doesn't. You are still single committing fornication. Marriage is when two people (one male and one female) take an oath before God and man to be committed to one another and them only. This becomes a covenant in heaven (a vow toward God) and a legal contract in the world. Remember, that 7 years of sin and fornication doesn't become a legal union in heaven. For the wages of sin is death.(Rom 6:23) Every fornicator no matter the length of time can not inherit the kingdom of heaven. (Gal 5:19-21; 1 Cor 6:9) Repentance is the only way out of sin. It is to literally turn from doing something; in this case whatever displeases God. (Acts 2:38, 20:21, 26:20; Rev 2:21) We are to sanctify ourselves; through His blood, but, ourselves. The blood is what gives us the power to commit and turn; which is the will power of the spirit. Even when our desire are strong. Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world. (Jn 4:4) Remember, God is greater. If a man looks upon a woman and lusts after her in his heart, he hath already committed adultery. (Mt 5:28)

SCRIPTURES

WIDOW (ER): One who has out-lived their mate (husband or wife).

- * Widow indeed: I Tim 5:5
- * Remarriage: Rom 7:3
- * Pure religion and undefiled: James 1:27
- * Not taken: I Tim 5:9

UNMARRIED: Never married.

- * Remaining as Paul until marriage: I Cor 7:8-34
(the unmarried caring for the things of God)
- * Virgin:
 - a. specifications regardingI Cor 7 :25-38
 - b. church considered Rev 14:4

DIVORCED: Breaking of the covenant of marriage.

Loosed: to be freed from something or someone.

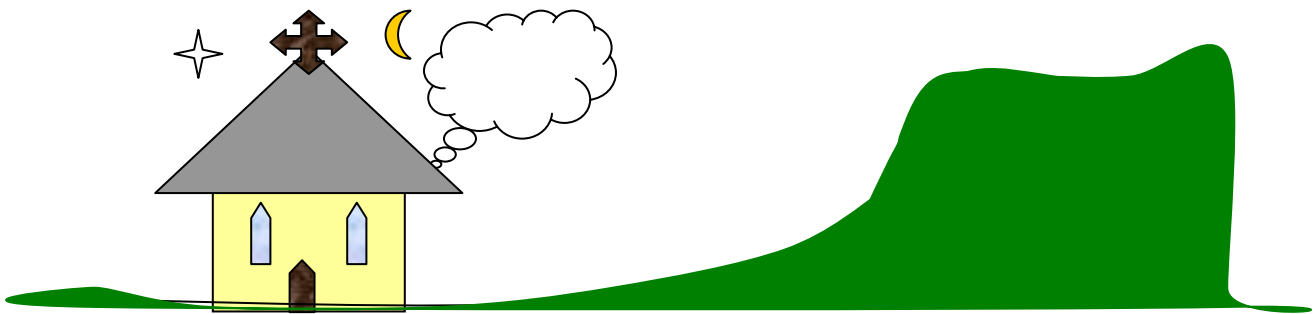
- * Reasons for:
 - a. depart from husband must remain unmarried. I Cor 7:11
 - b. adultery Mt 5:27-32
- * Permitted: Deut 24:1-3
- * Not permitted: never to have been.
 - a. marriage binding as long as both live Mk 10:2-9
Rom 7:2,3
 - b. because of the hardness of ones heart Mt 19:8
Mk 10:5

No matter what we do, when we go about getting what we want the wrong way; If it displeases God, we can not make Him accept it. Until God is satisfied, we are charged to pay for our mistakes, even when we are saved. We have mercy sometimes when we judge ourselves; But, He chasten the ones who He loves. Like David, when he went after Bathsheba, he was drawn away by his own lust. The lust of the eyes is evil in the sight of God. (1 Cor 10:6) All that in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. (1 Jn 2:16) We are not to satisfy every urge and craving that the flesh desires. The desires of the flesh are as different to the desires of the spirit as is the works of the flesh are to the fruit of the spirit. (Gal 5:19-22) We are to have good fruit. (Mt 12:33; 13:8, 23, 26; 7:17; Jn 15:5)

Evil communications corrupt good manner. (1 Cor 15:33) There is a popular saying, We are what we eat. It is true. For the bible reads, so a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Prov 23:7) If we let every thought that comes in our mind be fulfilled, we will not please God. But, we are to put our flesh under subjection. (1 Cor 9:27) We must submit ourselves to God first, then we have the help to resist the devil that he will flee. (Js 4:7) We can not go on the enemy territory and play with his children and not expect them not to act like him their father. The father of the world teaches his children to go after whatever they desire, even if it kills them. This is true, they die after the flesh. (Gen 2: 17) Unlike them, those that are in Christ will not die but SLEEP. (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:14; Lk 8:52; Mt 9:24, 27:52; Mk 5:39; Jn 11:11) For us the saints, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (1 Cor 5:3) We may be single in the flesh, but we are not single in the spirit. Jesus said; for low I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Mt 28:20)

SAVED

Saved is to be preserved by God. It is to be preserved (with salt) by God, prepared for His use. When you preserve (can) something, it has to be cooked (refined), sanitized (washed), untouched (purified), canned (sanctified), sealed (covered by the blood), put under pressure in hot water (baptized in the water and the spirit), cooled (blessed), put on the shelf (saved) and waiting for His return to use us (raptured). You are not your own, for you've been bought with a price. (1 Cor 6:20) Ye are the salt of the earth. If the salt loose its savor, wherein can it salt that which needs to be salted. (Mt 5:13; Mk 9:50; Lk 14:34) Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost. (1 Cor 3:16,17; 6:19)

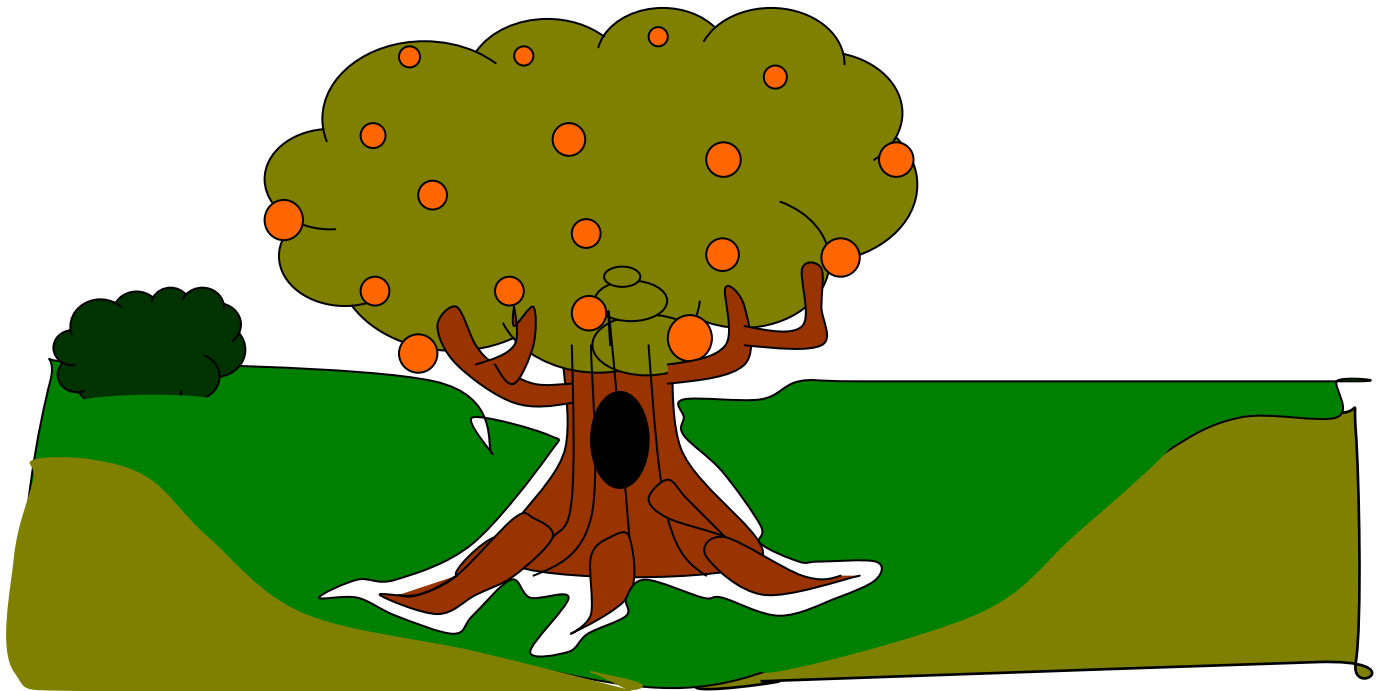


We must stay on the shelf with patience until His return. Even if we expire before He uses us; we are still His to do whatever He will. (Rom 9:21; Is 64:8; Jer 18:4-6) Accept we abide in the ship we can not be saved. (Acts 27:31) And also, to be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. (Gal 6:9) Sometimes we are merely just a display of His masterpiece, a vessel of honor. (Rom 9:21-23; Acts 9:15; II Tim 2:21; Prov 25:4) We are to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify the father which is in heaven. (Mt 5:14-16) God wants to show us off to the nations. For God, just being saved is just enough; until He recommends us as He did Job. Can you prove yourself? As a single saved person are you carrying yourself as such? You be the judge!

MOVING FORWARD

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Phil 3:14) As a single person our focus should be to please God. In whatever we do or say we are to do it as unto the Lord. For the bible reads, that whosoever finds a wife finds a good thing, (Prov 18:22) If someone is not prepared according to the scriptures to be a wife (husband); they should not expect God to give them to a husband (someone). That is like applying for a job in which you are not qualified to do or won't do.

As Paul stated, In whatever state I am in, I learn to be content. (Phil 4:11) Our focus should be to keep our eyes on the prize. Not causing anyone to stumble or be offended (sin), we can still desire to have a mate. But, we must wait on God and go about it the proper way as saints. The bible reads, That it is not good for a man to touch a woman, (1 Cor 7:1) If we want good results out of life; we have to plant good seeds. A good tree bringeth forth good fruit. A good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit and a corrupt tree bringeth not forth good fruit. (Mt 7:17-19) Even our righteousness is as filthy rags. (Is 64:6) Good seeds bringeth forth a greater harvest and evil seeds bringeth forth death and destruction. Plant your seeds. You get out of it what you put in. Can God eat your fruit; is it meat for the masters use?



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