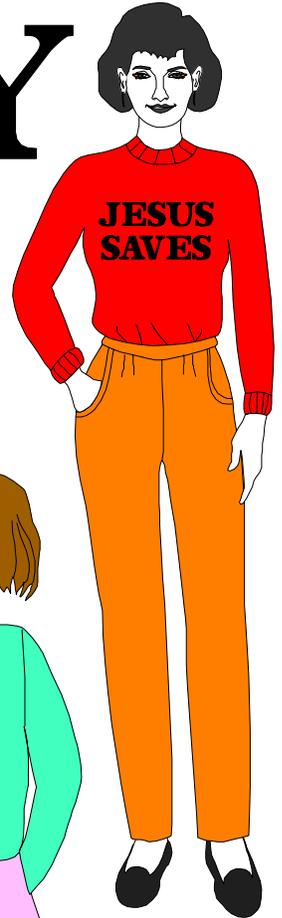
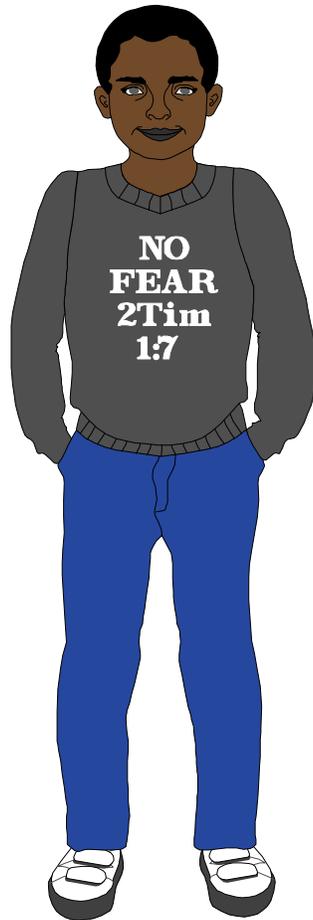


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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

For the purpose of clarity, ‘Singles’ in this Study Guide, refers to anyone that is not married, including the unmarried, divorced, or widowed.

In the Christian Church today, there is a lot of pressure on ‘single people’ to get married. Many of the church activities center around married couples, sometimes leaving out the ‘Singles’ who have much to offer in church fellowship. Also, the ‘Singles’ may be excellent leadership material, but may be excluded from opportunities for growth in that area.

Sometimes this desire to be included in the church activities, causes pressure for ‘Singles’ to want to get married. This pressure can emanate from either the individuals or the church. This can lead to immature and untimely decisions on potential marriage partners. That is why there are so many Christian marriages that are ‘NOT MADE IN HEAVEN’.

Actually, Paul taught that it was better to be ‘single’ when serving God, because you can put your entire focus on Him instead of a marriage partner.

Sometimes it may be God’s Will for certain ‘single’ people not to get married, or sometimes it just isn’t the right time.

Because of this lack of opportunity for ‘Singles’ in fellowship and leadership opportunities in the church, this Study Guide has been written to present what the Bible teaches about ‘Singles’. Also to clear up some of the misinformation that is being given by well meaning but misinformed Christians and friends.

After reading this Study Guide, it is hoped that church leaders will begin to realize the need to include the ‘single’ people in their churches in all areas of their programs. It is also hoped that the ‘Singles’ themselves will begin to realize that if they want to be included, there is a price to pay. That price is to become free of all appearance of evil. (1Thessalonians 5:22) It is then that the Pastors and church leaders will see that they can put their trust in them. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Divorced and /or widowed ‘Singles’ have particular problems that the unwed do not have. They may have a house or children that are out of order, and therefore should not be placed in a leadership position. (1Timothy 3:2,4,5,12 1 Timothy 5:11,13,14)

I pray that the revelation from the following Scriptures will help all ‘Singles’ to realize their potential as Christians, what God expects from them, and to be about their Father’s business. (Luke 2:49-52)

It is time to stop worrying about who your future partner will be, and instead seek the Kingdom of God first, and He will take care of all the rest. (Matthew 6:33)

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PAUL'S STATEMENTS 'FAVORING' BEING SINGLE:

Paul gave many reasons for the importance of being "Single".

1 Cor 7:1-2

1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: **It is good for a man not to touch a woman.**

2 **Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**

1 Cor 7:6

6 But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.

1 Cor 7:7-9

7 **For I would that all men were even as I myself.** But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 **I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.**

9 **But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.**

1 Cor 7:32-35

32 But I would have you without carefulness. **He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:**

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

34 **There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit:** but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 **And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.**

1 Cor 7:17

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. **And so ordain I in all churches.**

1 Cor 7:20

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

HOW SINGLES ARE TO 'BEHAVE' IN CHURCH:

The Bible teaches that of all those who are baptized into Christ, there is neither male nor female. In other words, without gender.

Gal 3:27-28

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female:** for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

As Singles, it is important to treat the young men as brothers and the young women as sisters with all purity; and the older men as fathers and the older women as mothers.

1 Tim 5:1-2

1 **Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;**

2 **The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.**

If we do this in our hearts and minds, it will help us to not look upon our brethren and sisters with sexual connotations. God will direct you if He has a person at your church designed for you. You don't have to scout for them!

'Patience' is part of the divine nature needed. (2 Peter 1:4-11)

WE ARE ALL THE 'BRIDE' OF CHRIST:

Paul said:

2 Cor 11:2

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

Rev 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.**

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Rev 21:9

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

WE ARE ALSO THE 'SONS & DAUGHTERS' OF GOD:

Rom 8:14

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

2 Cor 6:17-18

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters,** saith the Lord Almighty.

Gal 4:4-7

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

6 **And because ye are sons,** God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 **Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

I Jn 3:1-3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 **And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

JESUS IS OUR 'FRIEND':

Jesus is a friend to the "Singles".

John 15:13-15

13 **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

14 **Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: **but I have called you friends;** for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Prov 17:17

17 **A friend loveth at all times,** and a brother is born for adversity.

Prov 18:24

24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and **there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**

However, we can elect to have a closer relationship by becoming a Duolos (Greek) or Ebed (Hebrew) Servant, which is a 'Bond Slave' to the Lord.

1 Cor 9:19

19 For though I be free from all men, **yet have I made myself servant unto all,** that I might gain the more.

Deut 15:12

12 And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

Deut 15:16-17

16 And it shall be, **if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee** and thine house, because he is well with thee;

17 **Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.**

SINGLE WOMEN HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

Single women who sometimes feel alone, need to know that you have a very “Special” relationship with God, because He states that He is your Husband! Therefore, you can relax and give all your cares to Him.

sa 54:5

5 **For thy Maker is thine husband;** the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Rom 7:4

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; **that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

CONCERNING SINGLES WHO ARE ‘DIVORCED’:

The Bible plainly teaches not to remarry unless widowed; however, I believe after a former spouse gets remarried, leaving their partner no recourse, the Christian is free to remarry; but only to another Christian. Also, since Jesus said ‘Fornication’ was the exception for divorce, I believe remarriage after a divorce due to ‘Fornication’ is acceptable. (Matthew 5:32)

I believe any mistakes that have been made in these areas prior to becoming a Christian, is washed under the blood, and there is now no more condemnation. (Romans 8:1)

No matter how many marriages a person has had, when we get to Heaven, it won’t make any difference! (Mark 12:18-25 Luke 20:27-36)

However, this should not lead us to presumptuous sin! (Psalms 19:13)

Rom 7:3

3 **So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress:** but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

1 Cor 7:10-11

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 **But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband:** and let not the husband put away his wife.

1 Cor 7:27

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. **Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.**

1 Cor 7:39

39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; **only in the Lord.** (Only to another Christian)

1 Cor 11:11

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, **in the Lord.** (To another Christian)

WHAT ABOUT DIVORCE & 'REMARRIAGE':

The following Scriptures deal with God's plan for divorce and remarriage.

Mark 10:2-12

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, **Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?** tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, **Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.**

5 **And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.**

6 **But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**

7 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;**

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 **And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.**

12 **And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.**

Matt 5:31-32

31 **It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:**

32 **But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of 'fornication', causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.**

The Holy Spirit has impressed on Timothy II, that today there is "spiritual fornication" as well as physical fornication. This is what is happening in many Christian marriages. This is caused by the 'spirit of whoredoms' and/or by 'seducing spirits'. With this in mind, I believe that divorce is sometimes permitted because of this sin by one's partner, who has left their spouse due to "spiritual fornication".

Hosea 4:12-13

12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: **for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.**

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: **therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.**

1 Tim 4:1-3

1 **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy;** having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 **Forbidding to marry,** and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

Because these ‘spirits’ forbid those in their grasp to marry, many of those committing “spiritual fornication”, move in and live together with another partner.

CONCERNING SINGLES WHO WERE MARRIED TO ‘UNBELIEVERS’:

Christians who were married to ‘Unbelievers’, are not to chase them off. However, if they depart, you may let them go, especially if there is violence in the marriage. God has called us to peace.

1 Cor 7:15

15 **But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.**

CONCERNING SINGLES THAT ARE ‘WIDOWS’:

Widows should feel no shame nor be confounded about their situation, just put your trust in the Lord. A widow needs to take care of her/his family and children first, and then the needs of the church. Widows are also free to remarry another Christian.

Isa 54:4

4 **Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed:** neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, **and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.**

Rom 7:2-3

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; **but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.**

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: **but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.**

1 Tim 5:3-5

3 **Honour widows that are widows indeed.**

4 But if any widow have children or nephews (grandchildren), **let them learn first to shew piety (loyalty) at home**, and to requite (care for) their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 **Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God**, and continueth in supplications **and prayers night and day**.

WIDOWS IN THE CHURCH:

Widows over the age of sixty years and that have met the following criteria, may receive church support. They can be a tremendous asset to the church.

(Luke 2:36-38 Acts 16:13-15, 16:40)

1 Tim 5:9-10

9 **Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old**, having been the wife of one man,

10 **Well reported of for good works**; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

YOUNGER WIDOWS:

The church should not support the younger widows under the age of sixty.

1 Tim 5:11-15

11 **But the younger widows refuse:** for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 **I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house**, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

WIDOWS IN YOUR FAMILY:

Christians who have widows in their families, should help meet their needs and not have the church do it.

1 Tim 5:16

16 **If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them**, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

1 Tim 5:8

8 **But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith**, and is worse than an infidel.

CONCERNING SINGLES THAT ARE 'VIRGINS':

Paul taught, it is good to be a virgin, because if you marry you will have trouble in the flesh; but if you begin to behave improperly, get married! Virgins can have a special relationship with the Lord. (Acts 21:8, 9 Rev. 14:1, 4)

1 Cor 7:25-26

25 **Now concerning virgins** I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, **I say, that it is good for a man so to be.**

1 Cor 7:28

28 **But and if thou marry**, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless **such shall have trouble in the flesh:** but I spare you.

1 Cor 7:36-38

36 **But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin**, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: **let them marry.**

37 **Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.**

38 So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

WHAT ABOUT ‘SEX’ FOR SINGLES?

The following Scriptures relate to sexual matters for “Singles”.

FORNICATION:

Fornication: In the Greek, It is:

4202 porneia (por-ni'-ah);

from 4203; harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively, idolatry: KJV-- fornication.

4203 porneuo (porn-yoo'-o);

from 4204; to act the harlot, i.e. (literally) indulge in unlawful lust (of either sex), or (figuratively) practice idolatry:

KJV-- commit (fornication).

Eph 5:3

3 **But fornication**, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

Col 3:5

5 **Mortify therefore your members** which are upon the earth; **fornication**, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

1Thes 4:4,5

4 **That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel** in sanctification and honour;

5 **Not in the lust of concupiscence** (ardent desire), even as the Gentiles which know not God:

1 Cor 6:15-18

15 **Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.**

16 What? **know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body?** for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 **Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; **but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.**

Heb 13:4

4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but **whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.**

Because of the overwhelming questions asked by “Singles”, no matter what their age, Timothy II has added this section to the “Study Guide” to help clear-up some of the mis-information that is circulating in the “Body of Christ”.

MASTURBATION: (Self-Stimulation)

“Self Stimulation” is a sin. It is a sin of ‘Uncleanness’. Under the law, washing in water and waiting for a day, purified the person.

Today as believers, we have the ability to ask God through Jesus to forgive us of our sins. This needs to be done after an act of “Self Stimulation” that causes semen (the seed of copulation) to issue out of a person.

Lev 15:2

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean.**

Lev 15:16-17

16 **And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.**

17 **And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.**

Lev 15:31-32

31 **Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness,** when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 **This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;**

This Sin of ‘Uncleanness’ needs to be dealt with prior to our Service to the Lord.

Lev 22:2-7

2 **Speak unto Aaron and to his sons**, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and **that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me**: I am the LORD.

3 Say unto them, **Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence**: I am the LORD.

4 **What man soever** of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or **hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean**. And whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, **or a man whose seed goeth from him;**

5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 **And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food.**

Col 3:5

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RECALLING SEXUAL EXPERIENCES:

Recalling sexual experiences causes us to dwell on past sexual desires. It adds to our whoredoms and can lead to “Self Stimulation” or “Fornication”. The results of this “Recalling”, is that often ‘old lovers’ reappear and cause the “Single” Christian many troubles.

Ezek 23:19-22

19 Yet **she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.**

20 **For she doted upon their paramours**, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 **Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth**, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

22 **Therefore**, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will raise up thy lovers against thee**, from whom thy mind is alienated, **and I will bring them against thee on every side;**

WHAT YOU SEE:

We are what we see. Watching pornography on TV, the computer, magazines, films, etc. causes the Sin of “Whoredoms”, and usually leads to other sexual sins and perversion.

Ezek 23:13-14

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,
 14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

Ezek 23:16

16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

Ezek 23:27

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

Therefore we should discipline ourselves to:

Ps 101:3

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

CONCERNING HOW SINGLES SHOULD ‘DRESS’:

Many “Singles” dress to attract the opposite sex. The Bible teaches not to dress like a ‘harlot’, but to dress modestly. God will bring you to the person He has chosen for you. Read what happens to women who dress proudly with much jewelry, etc.. (Isaiah 3:16-26)

1 Tim 2:9-10

9 In like manner also, that women (and men) adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women (and men) professing godliness) with good works.

We are also not to dress like homosexuals or drag queens.

Deut 22:5

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

AVOID YOUTHFUL ‘LUSTS’:

Exercise, both physical and Spiritual, can be of great value when striving to serve the Lord. It helps us to keep our minds and bodies focused on the Lord. It also helps us to sleep peacefully at night! We should also avoid going to any places that might put us into situations of temptations. (Proverbs 4:14, 15)

1 Cor 9:24-27

24 **Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.**

25 **And every man that striveth** for the mastery **is temperate in all things.** Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 **But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:** lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

2 Tim 2:3-4

3 **Thou therefore endure hardness,** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;** that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Tim 2:22

22 **Flee also youthful lusts:** but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

The following Scripture is very important if you are a young “Single” and you want to be in Church Leadership!

1 Tim 4:12

12 **Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**

MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE ‘FLESH’:

If you want to become a ‘Mature’ “Single person” in the Lord, you need to make no provision for the flesh.

Rom 8:1

1 **There is therefore now no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Rom 8:4,5

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

5 **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh;** but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:8-9

8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:13

13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

Rom 13:13-14

13 **Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering** (sexual immorality) **and wantonness** (sensuality), not in strife and envying.

14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

2 Cor 7:1

1 **Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

2 Cor 10:3-5

3 **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:**

4 **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)**

5 **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

SINGLES THAT ARE ‘NEW’ IN THE LORD:

All of us have ‘Sinned’ prior to accepting Jesus in our hearts as our Lord and Savior (Romans 3:23). Once we have made this Confession and Repented, and mean it in our hearts, (Romans 10:9,10), whether it has been pre-marital sex, abortion, divorce, etc., we have been completely forgiven of these Sins. They are washed in the blood!

Even after we are Saved we will have occasional sin in our lives, however, we will continue to be forgiven from these Sins through our Confession and Repentance (1 John 1:9). However, don’t tempt God, you may be fooling yourself! (Galatians 2:17,18)

2 Cor 5:17-18

17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

18 **And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

Eph 2:1-5

1 **And you hath he quickened (made alive), who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

2 **Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,** according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 **Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;** and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

5 **Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us (made us alive) together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

1 Pet 4:3-5

3 **For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:**

4 **Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

5 **Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.**

THE GOOD NEWS FOR ‘WEAK’ SINGLES:

The Good News for “Weak Singles” is we are all tempted, but God always provides a means of escape. However, it is up to us to take that escape.

1 Cor 10:13

13 **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

Gal 5:13

13 **For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**

Phil 4:6-7

6 **Be careful (anxious) for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Mark 11:24

24 **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

IN THESE LAST DAYS, GOD IS ‘USING’ SINGLES:

In these last days, God is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh, including “Singles”. He is looking for anyone who will answer His Call.

Acts 2:17-18

17 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

18 **And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;** and they shall prophesy:

2 Tim 4:1-2

1 **I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;**

2 **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**

CONCLUSION:

Are you ready to accept the challenge as a “Single” and to give it all up for Jesus?

The rewards are great! (2 John 8 Revelation 22:12)

Eph 5:17

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the Will of the Lord is.

Rom 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God.

1Thes 4:3

3 For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

AMEN

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