



Family Dragons ^{part 6}

Slaying the Stigma of Singleness



1. Revere _____

2. Determine _____

3. Do _____

1 Corinthians 7:32-38

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married

man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—³⁴ and his interests

are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a

married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵ I am

saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

³⁶ If anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if she is getting along in years and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. ³⁷ But

the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing.

³⁸ So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does even better.

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What is the world's view of singleness in general, and how does that differ from the biblical view of Christian singleness?

How has your view of singleness been less than it should be?

2. List the names of three to five Christian single adults that you know and care about.

Based on this weekend's sermon, how can you more specifically and intelligently pray for them?

3. If you are single, what action steps will you take from this weekend's sermon?

4. Read **1 John 3:16**. List some of the ways that you are currently serving other Christians in a selfless and sacrificial way.

How will you get yourself involved in doing more to build up and advance God's kingdom?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Is. 65-66 & Gal. 3

Monday

Jer. 1-2 & Gal. 4

Tuesday

Jer. 3-4 & Gal. 5

Wednesday

Jer. 5-6 & Gal. 6

Thursday

Jer. 7-8 & Eph. 1

Friday

Jer. 9-10 & Eph. 2

Saturday

Jer. 11-12 & Eph. 3

Here are some resources that may prove helpful in your attempt to live for Christ as a single person.

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