

God's Good Intentions: Singleness
1 Corinthians 7:25-40

• **Singleness and the Present Passing World (Verses 25-31)**

- The call to contentment
- The problem of preoccupation

• **Singleness and Undivided Devotion to the Lord (Verses 32-35)**

We should think of singles in Christ Fellowship Church as those in our church community who have the opportunity and freedom to use their gifts and abilities in undivided devotion and service to the Lord. (adapted from Capitol Hill Baptist Church)

Don't excessively love your singleness, don't excessively loathe your singleness, but leverage your singleness for the Kingdom of God. JR Vassar

• **Singleness and Marriage: Two Gospel Pictures (Verses 36-40)**

Christian marriage is a testimony of the utterly faithful and unchanging love of God for His people in a permanent covenant relationship with him; Christian singleness is a testimony to the complete sufficiency of Christ for the present age and gives visible witness to the hope of our eternal inheritance yet to come.

-Barry Danylak, Redeeming Singleness

- Consider how these pictures are set in context...
 - The context of eternity
 - The context of the church

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. -Psalm 73:25

• **Something to pray and something to pray towards...**

Pray Psalm 13

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? -Romans 8:32