



TIGHTENING THE KNOT

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THE SINGLE FOCUS

Genesis 2:18

I. The _____ Opinion

- Simply put...*the _____ is for people is to get married!*
- **Dr. Jay Adams**—“The normal state is marriage, not _____...If the marriage state were _____, God never would have uttered these words. The basic, ordinary, and most natural state is the state of marriage...God created woman for Adam because He said that celibacy was not good. It is better, therefore, for a man to be married.”
(Christian Living in the Home, 47)

II. The _____ Single

- His exception is not extended to people with the following ambitions:
 1. _____ dissatisfaction
 2. _____ advancement
 3. _____ challenges
 4. _____ enjoyment
- **Question:** Who is able to respond to the call to celibacy?
Christ gives **3 Categories** in **Matthew 19:11-12:**
 1. Not by _____
 2. Not by _____
 3. The third is the _____ instance where it is a matter of personal choice (for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven).

- ▶ It is the _____ and the _____ given by God to remain single for the express purpose of rendering service to Christ.
- ▶ The single person to whom God has graced this gift of celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven will be able to _____ their _____ desires (**1Cor 7:9**).

• Observations re: Singlehood:

1. This calling may be _____...for a _____.
2. This calling extends down to _____.
3. Take this calling just as _____ as any other calling.
4. God’s _____ is different from person-to-person regarding the “_____” of marriage.
5. During the “waiting period”...stay _____, _____ wisely, _____ God.
6. Do not allow the “_____” desire for marriage to become a functional _____.

III. The _____ Duty

- A. _____ their _____.
- B. _____ them into your _____.
- C. Include them in _____.
- D. Provide _____ for their _____.
- E. _____ for their _____.