

Introduction _____

I. CHALLENGES OF THE SINGLE LIFE

1. Waiting for _____

2. Worry about _____

3. Loneliness and its effects _____

II. PAUL'S COUNSEL TO SINGLES (I CORINTHIANS 7:25-28)

No direct command from the Lord, but an inspired opinion _____

A. Single state is not inferior _____

B. Remaining single can be wise _____

III. RECOGNIZING THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE WORLD

"The form of this world is passing away" - I Corinthians 7:31 _____

A. Lower emotional investment in temporary things _____

B. Focus on eternal realities _____

1. The Word of God _____

2. The church of Christ _____

3. The Holy Spirit _____

IV. PRIORITIES: SINGLE VS. MARRIED LIFE (I CORINTHIANS 7:32-35)

A. Single: More time for the Lord _____

B. Married: Serve family as primary commitment _____

C. Singles' freedom belongs to the Lord _____

V. BREAKING THE CYCLE OF LONELINESS AND DEPRESSION

Making the Lord first priority changes perspective and service _____

VI. SUMMARY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

A. Single life is blessed by God _____

B. Live for now, not just waiting _____

C. Serve God with enthusiasm _____

D. Marriage is an opportunity, not a solution _____