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Identity & Purpose

God's Design for Singleness

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

Many people misunderstand singleness as simply being unmarried, but it is actually a time for personal growth and self-discovery. Understanding God's design for singleness helps individuals become whole and prepared for healthy relationships. This study explores the biblical perspective on singleness and marriage, emphasizing the importance of being complete before entering into a marital relationship.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 2:15

Genesis 2:18

Key Takeaways

- Singleness is about becoming a complete and unique individual.
- Marriage does not solve loneliness; it can expose it.
- Understanding oneself is crucial before seeking a partner.
- A successful marriage requires two whole individuals.
- God's design for singleness involves self-discovery and personal growth.

Introduction

Singleness is often viewed through the lens of absence, a waiting period before marriage. However, from a biblical perspective, singleness is a time of completeness and self-discovery. This study aims to redefine singleness as a state of being whole and prepared for future relationships, aligning with God's design.

Scripture Reading

- **Genesis 2:15** — Emphasizes the importance of self-discovery and becoming whole before seeking a partner.
- **Genesis 2:18** — Explains the concept of being 'alone' as being complete in oneself, not lonely.

Key Points

1. Redefining Singleness — Singleness is often misunderstood as merely being unmarried. It is actually a time for personal growth and self-discovery, where one becomes a complete and unique individual. This period allows for the exploration of one's purpose and identity as designed by God. It is a time to cultivate personal strengths and understand one's values and beliefs.

- Reflect on personal strengths and areas for growth.
- Engage in activities that promote self-discovery.
- Seek to understand your purpose and identity in God.

Key Points (cont.)

2. The Myth of Marriage Solving Loneliness — Marriage does not solve loneliness; it can actually magnify it if individuals are not complete. Understanding oneself is crucial before entering into a marriage. Loneliness is a state of mind that cannot be cured by another person. Instead, it is important to find fulfillment and contentment within oneself.

- Identify areas where you seek external validation.
- Cultivate a fulfilling personal life independent of relationships.
- Develop a strong sense of self-worth and contentment.

3. Preparing for Marriage — You are ready for marriage when you no longer need it to feel complete. Pursuing singleness involves becoming whole and loving oneself first. A successful marriage requires two whole individuals who bring their complete selves into the relationship. This preparation involves emotional maturity, self-awareness, and a deep understanding of love and commitment.

- Assess your readiness for marriage based on personal completeness.
- Focus on emotional and spiritual growth.
- Learn about the biblical principles of love and marriage.

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What does Genesis 2:15 reveal about God's intention for individuals before marriage?
- How does Genesis 2:18 redefine the concept of being 'alone'?
- What are some common misconceptions about singleness?

Interpretation

- Why might singleness be considered a time for self-discovery?
- How can marriage magnify loneliness if individuals are not complete?
- What does it mean to be 'whole' before entering into a marriage?

Application

- In what ways can you pursue personal growth during singleness?
- How can understanding oneself lead to healthier relationships?
- What steps can you take to ensure you are complete before considering marriage?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for understanding of God's purpose in singleness.
- Ask for guidance in personal growth and self-discovery.
- Seek contentment and fulfillment in this season of life.

Next Step

Reflect on personal strengths and areas for growth to embrace singleness as a time of self-discovery.

Conclusion

Understanding God's design for singleness transforms it from a period of waiting into a time of growth and self-discovery. By embracing this season, individuals can become whole and prepared for future relationships, aligning with the biblical perspective of completeness before marriage.