

**Living Successfully Single**

1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35 / (page 983)

1. Why would anyone be single? vv. 7-8

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages to being single? v.9

## Advantages:

1. Don't have to ask permission
2. Financial independence
3. Control over time
4. Spared from complexities of marital conflict
5. Flexibility and mobility
6. Freedom to serve the Lord

## Disadvantages:

1. Loneliness
2. Pressure from others to get married
3. Deafening sound of the biological clock
4. Facing and uncertain future
5. Sexual temptation

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# At Home Study Guide

For the week of May 19, 2019

*As we learn about healthy relationships, take some time each week to reflect on the Scripture passages. Use these questions to guide your individual or group discussion on this important topic for every believer.*

1. Singleness is a gift (1 Cor. 7:7). How so? How do you see it as a gift from God?

2. The anxiety of married life vs. the freedom of singleness (1 Cor. 7:32-35) is much like, by analogy, the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. How does Martha by analogy illustrate the anxiety of married life vs. Mary, who illustrates the freedom of serving the Lord in the single life?

3. Paul wants to secure undivided devotion to the Lord (1 Cor. 7:35). How can you, whether married or single, be more intentional in your devotion to the Lord above all else in your life?

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