

Heroic Singleness
Everyday Heroes – Part 2
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I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.
1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (NIV)

1. Everyday heroes see their relationship status as a _____.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows
James 1:17 (NIV)

Singleness teaches us about the _____
and _____ of Jesus.

But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this. What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. 1 Corinthians 7:28-31 (NIV)

2. Everyday heroes live for _____.

“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:50 (NIV)

I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NIV)

3. Everyday heroes are single _____.

Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

Matthew 19:11-12 (NIV)

1) What do you need to change about your perspective to see your relationship status as a gift from God?

2) How can you grow in your ability to trust The Giver?

3) Jesus says that his family are those who do the will of his Father. How do you prioritize your “church family”?

4) How does God want to use your relationship status for ministry in this season? List things that he might want to accomplish through you.

5) What change do you hope to make because of God’s message through Paul in 1 Corinthians 7?