

# Sermon Notes

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## Singleness Can Be Good

Matthew 19:10-12

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

Review of last week

Marriage was created by God, at the beginning of time.

He designed marriage to be permanent.

The primary reason people divorce is their hard hearts.

Responding to Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce, the disciples state, "It is better not to marry."

It is better not to marry, for some.

For "those to whom it has been given" (see 1 Cor. 7:26)

God has gifted some to remain single. (see 1 Cor. 7:7)

Who are the people this may be right for?

Unmarried, widows, maybe divorced (see 1 Cor. 7:8, 40, 27)

Those who don't desire to be married,  
and don't burn with passion for sex. (see 1 Cor. 7:9)

Some may choose celibacy for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Special servants of the King

High status in the kingdom

They should use their freedom of time and focus to serve the Lord.

## Application questions for 9-14-2014 sermon Matthew 19:10-12

Have you witnessed this situation where some Christians view marriage as the only good option, and where that plays out in them *pushing* people toward marriage?

Have you believed that or done that?

Is your mind changed after hearing this sermon?

(That if God has gifted somebody to be single, it is not better for them to get married; it is better for them to be single.)

Do you, or someone you know, fit the description of someone who is may be gifted for singleness - they don't want to get married and don't "burn with passion" for sex?

If this is you, whether you decide to stay single or not, would you at least be comfortable believing this is a good option?

If there is someone you know that fits the description, and yet it seems like they feel pressured to get married, and/or seem to think that marriage is the only good option, how could you help them?

If you are single what should you do because you have freedom of time and focus (that is not dedicated to a spouse)? Or if you are married but know a single Christian, what should you encourage them to do with their freedom of time and focus?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?