

Distinctions: Marriage and Singleness

Genesis 2:24-25

God established marriage for His _____ and our _____, and when we blur the lines between marriage and singleness, we destroy the path to _____ and _____.

1. Singleness was designed for _____ and _____.

What was Adam doing when he was single?

- Building a _____ with God
- Learning God's _____
- Learning _____
- Serving the _____

“Ladies, notice that before Adam had a wife, he had a job and a place to live.” Tony Evans

For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.” **Matthew 19:12**

So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better. **1 Corinthians 7:38**

2. Marriage was designed to be a life-long _____ and the deepest human _____.

What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. **Mark 10:9**

What are God's purposes for sex? Procreation, intimacy, pleasure, protection from temptation (after the fall)

God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.” **Genesis 1:28**

3. When we look for the characteristics of marriage in singleness, we _____ God's design, point away from His _____, and work against our _____.

Signs we have devalued marriage and family: increase in life-long singleness, acceptance of sex outside of marriage, having and raising children outside of marriage, devaluing marriage and children, easy and frequent divorce

Key Points to Remember:

- We cannot stand in judgment of the culture if we have rejected God's design within our own families and churches.
- We must be champions of marriage, family, and children.
- A culture that does not reproduce is a culture that has signed its own death warrant.
- We are never more effective at making disciples than when we raise godly children.

Fill in the Blank Answers:

God established marriage for His glory and our good, and when we blur the lines between marriage and singleness, we destroy the path to life and fulfillment.

1. Preparation, sanctification, relationship, word, discipline, Lord
2. Commitment, intimacy
3. Pervert, glory, good