

Principles for the Unmarried to Live By



1 Corinthians 7:32-34

- **Review – “Having A Good Journey While Being Unmarried” – 1 Corth. 7:32-34**
- **The church is suffering because it has picked up the world’s definition of unmarried and called them single.**
- **Intent: to help us to understand what is God’s view on the subject of being unmarried.**
- **Purpose: to prevent people from making the same mistakes that many have made in the past.**
- **Goal: to show that you don’t have to be married to live a fulfilled life.**
- **To be single means to be separate, unique, and whole.**
- **To be totally single should be every Christian’s number one goal.**

- **Lesson #2 – Seven Gifts God Gave to the Unmarried**
- A. **The gift of image.**
- B. **The gift of likeness or similitude.**
- C. **The gift of God’s presence.**
- D. **The gift of work.**
- E. **The gift cultivation.**
- F. **The gift of protection.**
- G. **The gift of receiving God’s Word.**

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- **It is possible to live a fulfilled life while being unmarried.**
- **There are some principles I will share that will help all unmarried to live a life of wholeness, fulfillment, and satisfaction.**
- **Principle: an eternal truth when followed, yields a desired result.**

- **There are four principles that will help us.**
- 1. **Develop an ear to hear the voice of God (John 10:5).**
 - **God can only speak to us out of the knowledge we have of Him.**
 - **The word “hear” is the most important word in the Bible.**
 - **Everything changes when we hear from God and act upon that word.**

- A. Hearing the voice of God is the matter of the will (Psalm 95:7).
- B. God speaks to us primarily through His Word (Dan. 9:1-2; Psalm 119:105, 133).
- C. God can speak through circumstances (Gen. 24:12-26).
- D. God can speak through the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 21:10-14).
- E. God can speak through dreams and visions, authority, and the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

2. Wait on the Lord (Isa. 40:31).

- A. Focus on God (1 Cor. 7:24).
- B. Find your purpose.
- C. Analyze your circumstance.
- D. Let God do your looking.

3. Work for the Lord (1 Cor. 7:32-33; John 9:4).

- Labor means “effort”, endeavor, give all diligence, be zealous, strive eagerly, exert oneself, and make haste.

A. There is a warning in Hebrews 4:1.

- Rest does not mean: (1) Inactivity (2) You do what you want; (3) You are free from duty and responsibility.

○ To Rest means:

- 1. The rest of satisfaction and pleasure.
- 2. The rest of deliverance and of salvation.
- 3. The rest of a new day.

B. There is another warning (Hebrews 4:2). We can come short of God’s rest.

C. We can come short of God’s rest because God has sworn that unbelievers shall not enter His rest (Heb. 4:3).

D. We can come short of God’s rest because the rest of God actually exists.

4. The fourth principle is worship.

- God prescribed an environment for everything He created before He created it.

- **The nature of the environment will always affect the state, function, and efficiency of a product.**