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“Single or Married: Facts, Favor and Fiction About Them Both”

I. The Falsities about being Single and Married

Listed below are some common misconceptions about individuals who are single and marriage.

Single Myths

1. Single people think after a certain _____ they might not get married.
Genesis 21:5
“Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.” (NLT)

Genesis 25:1
“Abraham married another wife, whose name was Keturah.” (NLT)
2. Single people for the most part _____ to get married.
I Corinthians 7:37
“But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry.” (NLT)
3. Single people are more _____ than those who are married.
Ruth 3:7
“After Boaz finished eating and drinking and was feeling happy, he went over and fell asleep near the pile of grain. Ruth slipped over quietly. She lifted the cover and lay down near his feet.” (CEV)
4. Single people are _____ frustrated.
Luke 2:36-38
“There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37) and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38) Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.” (NIV)

5. Single people believe that finding the right person will _____ all of their problems

II Timothy 3:12

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (NIV)

Marital Myths

1. Marriage will solve _____ of your problems.

Job 2:8-10

“Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. 9) His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.” 10) But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.” (NLT)

2. Marriage will _____ you.

Colossians 2:10

“So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.” (NLT)

3. Marriage will _____ your loneliness.

Judges 14:17

“So she cried whenever she was with him and kept it up for the rest of the celebration. At last, on the seventh day he told her the answer because she was tormenting him with her nagging. Then she explained the riddle to the young men.” (NLT)

4. Marriage is for _____ .

Ephesians 5:27

“He died so that he could give the church to himself like a bride in all her beauty. He died so that the church could be pure and without fault, with no evil or sin or any other wrong thing in it.” (NCV)

5. Marriage will always _____ you happy.

I Samuel 1:8, 10

“Why are you crying, Hannah?” Elkanah would ask. “Why aren’t you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn’t that better than having ten sons?” 10) Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD.” (NLT)

II. The Realities about being Single and Married

Listed below are factual statements regarding individuals being single and married.

Single Truths

1. _____ questions about who you are dating or why you are not married gets old.
2. _____ single can be scary at times.
3. _____ to travel without romantic companion can be frustrating.
4. _____ on a single income can be difficult.
5. _____ career choices and other major life decisions independent of a spouse can be liberating.

Marital Truths

1. _____ your spouse your everything can be unhealthy.
2. _____ a great marriage takes attention, commitment, and work.
3. _____ time alone is necessary for married couples.
4. _____ conflict is a part of every marriage.
5. _____ the same Christian beliefs will not prevent a divorce.

III. The Positivities about being Single and Married

Listed below are benefits regarding being single and married.

Single Privileges

1. Living in accordance with your _____ from God is a benefit of being single.

I Corinthians 7:7

“But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.” (NLT)

2. Exemplifying a life of _____ is a benefit of being single.

I Corinthians 7:8, 9

“So I say to those who aren’t married and to widows—it’s better to stay unmarried, just as I am. 9) But if they can’t control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It’s better to marry than to burn with lust.” (NLT)

3. Avoiding certain _____ in life is a benefit of single.

I Corinthians 7:28

“But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems.” (NLT)

4. Serving the Lord with fewer _____ is a benefit of being single.

I Corinthians 7:32

“I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord’s work and thinking how to please him.” (NLT)

5. Following in the _____ of Jesus is a benefit of being single.

I Peter 2:21

“This is what you were chosen to do. Christ gave you an example to follow...” (ERV)

Marital Privileges

1. Securing a _____ is a benefit of being married.

Genesis 2:18, 21, 22

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” 21) So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. 22) Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.” (NLT)

2. Having someone responsible to fulfill your _____ needs is a benefit of being married.

I Corinthians 7:3

“The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs.” (NLT)

3. Knowing a person is designated to _____ you is a benefit of being married.

I Corinthians 7:33, 34

“But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. 34) His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband.” (NLT)

4. Modeling Christ-Like _____ is a benefit of being married.

Ephesians 5:25

“Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ’s love makes the church whole.” (MSG)

