



GIFT OF SINGLENESS

SOS 2:7-8

1 Corinthians 7:6-7

1 Corinthians 7:2

Ephesians 5:23

Colossians 3:5

Genesis 2:24

1 Corinthians 7:36

1 Corinthians 7:32-34

Notes

& SCRIPTURE VERSES

INTRODUCTION

Singleness is a gift, just like marriage is a gift. Instead of viewing singleness as something that we are stuck with, we should view it as a blessing, a period in life where we can fully devote ourselves to God and His work. **1 Corinthians 7:33,34**. IF you are single, do you believe any of the lies that the world tells about singleness and dating? IF you are married, are you encouraging these lies or speaking truth?

DISCUSSION

What does dating as a game mean? How does that affect our view of dating?

EXPLANATION

If you are single, do you believe any other lies that culture is telling about dating?

What does dating redeemed look like?

How is putting to death sexual immorality lived out? (Inside and outside a relationship)

APPLICATION

Who do you let speak truth into your life?

How does dating redeemed show the truth of Jesus Christ to our culture?

MISSION

In what ways are you serving? (Our God, your GC, your church, your community?)

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SERMON OUTLINE

SOS 2:7 *“I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.”*

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One lie that we often believe is that dating is a game. That dating is something we do for sport, something that we get better and better at, until we are good enough to compete against others. No! That's a terrible view of dating. Dating should have a purpose, and that purpose should not just be to have a good time. The purpose of dating shouldn't be to fill your life with companionship because you are bored. Our lives should not just be about having a good time but building a good legacy. Dating should be with the intent of marriage. The majority of people marry, which means the majority of people will date. We need to date correctly. We need to date redeemed. Which means

- **Guys pursue ladies.** You do the work of setting up dates, asking her out on date, having a plan. Solomon did this in SOS 2:8
- **Only date one person at a time.** Marriage is between one man and one woman. Dating should be as well.
- **A date is not dating.** Just because you are getting coffee with someone does not mean you guys are dating.

When you get a girl/boy friend there should not even be a hint of sexual immorality. **Ephesians 5:3**. Which means, in dating redeemed you don't have sex (intercourse, outercourse, oral sex, sexting, internet sex...etc.) We are told to flee from sexual immorality, not ask where is the line. Instead of asking, “Where is the line” we should ask “When is the time?”

Really what should be happening in your season of singleness is seeking God. If you are truly seeking God, you'll be less concerned with getting a date and more concerned with God and how you can join him in His plan to impact our city. Get involved in a Gospel Community (GC) have a mission, and serve God. Let people who are in your GC encourage you and speak truth into your life and join together to do life in community, to do life with God on mission.