

Your Special Status: Called and Content

1 Corinthians 7:6-40

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Notes on the text:

⇒ **Receive your situation and your calling as gifts from the Lord!**

⇒ **Serve the Lord with as much devotion and as little distraction as possible!**

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Memorize 1 Corinthians 7:19

Read Acts 20:24, Philippians 3:7-10, 2 Timothy 1:5, Romans 16:3-5,

Read “The Advantage of Singleness” – bit.ly/AdvantageSingleness

Read “Called to Singleness” – bit.ly/CalledtoSingleness

Read “Married Couples Serving God Together” – bit.ly/MarriedServingTogether

Read “Honoring the Biblical Call of Motherhood” – bit.ly/HonoringMotherhood

Resources for singleness in Christ: bit.ly/SingleinChrist

Resources of marriages devoted to Christ: bit.ly/MarriageMission

Read Pastor Foster’s placeholder statement “On Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage” – bit.ly/MarriageDivorceRemarriage1

Listen to “One Pure and Holy Passion” – bit.ly/OnePureAndHolyPassion

Listen to “Worthy of it All” – bit.ly/WorthyofItAll2

Read *Treasuring Christ when your Hands are Full* by Furman

Read *Now and Not Yet* by Simons

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from the message?
2. Paul constantly encourages the Corinthians to “remain in the situation they were in when God called them” (7:20). In what ways have you been tempted to think you could serve God more fully if your circumstances were different? Or, where have you thought “if only I _____, then I could really be close with God and serve him”?
3. What might some of the dangers be of constantly wishing our situation or status was different?
4. Paul calls both marriage and singleness “gifts” (7:7). Do we treat singleness as a spiritual gift on par with marriage? Why or why not? How might we do better at this?
5. What are some of the unique challenges and temptations faced by our brothers and sisters who are single? What are some faced by our brothers and sisters who are married?
6. Paul suggests those unmarried can serve the Lord with “undivided devotion” (v. 35). For those who are single, how can you make sure you are using your time and energy to serve the Lord and others and not merely to serve yourself? Who are some single people you know who do this extraordinarily well?
7. What are some of the unique opportunities a single person has to serve the Lord that a married couple would not have as easily? How can we encourage and support our brothers and sisters who are single to make the most of these kinds of opportunities?
8. What are some of the unique opportunities a married couple has to serve the Lord that a single person would not have as easily? How can we encourage and support our brothers and sisters who are married to make the most of these kinds of opportunities?
9. What do you observe about Aquila and Priscilla in Romans 16:3-5? Who are some married couples you know who model how to serve the Lord? What do you see that’s different about them?
10. Are there ways you can better embrace your status or situation and use it to serve the Lord more fully? What might this look like for you for the rest of this year?

