

LIVING THE ABUNDANT SINGLE LIFE

What greater example of a person who was able to live an abundant single life than the Apostle Paul. In 1st Corinthians 7:1, Paul states, “For I would that all men were even as myself. But every man has his proper gift of God.” From this passage of scripture we can clearly see that Paul recognized his singleness as a gift from God. Likewise, every single person that is in their season of singleness should value it as such. It should be a time of pursuing personal and spiritual enrichment, rather than being viewed as a dreadful curse.

Recognizing that this season may last longer for some, than others, a sense of contentment is something that should be desired. Paul surmised in Philippians 4:11, “for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Contentment is not something that can be found in a mate, a career, or material things; rather, true contentment can only be found in God. When a person truly understands this very important principal and begins to seek after God wholeheartedly, they will begin to see success in other areas of their lives. For the word of God says in Matthew 6:33 “seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”

God wants his children to be successful in all that they do. During one’s season of singleness time can be devoted to developing one’s personal ministry, pursuing a degree, starting a new business venture, or going on a much needed dream vacation. Singles should not waste time sitting idle while life passes them by; rather time should be spent seeking after the will of God for their lives, living their life to the fullest and living the abundant life. After all, Jesus did say that he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

However, as one lives the abundant life, God still expects a holy lifestyle, one that is acceptable and pleasing to him. For the Bible says in Proverbs 16:7-8 that, “When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little righteousness than great revenues without right.” So it is more advantageous to live a life that is pleasing to God rather than attaining great wealth, wickedly.

One key point that every single person should remember in their season of singleness is this, that if you delight yourself in the Lord, he will give you the desires of your heart. If your desire is a thriving ministry, he will give it to you. If it is a successful business, you desire, he will give it to you. If it’s a mate, he will give it to you. However, faith without works is dead, so fill out that college application, write that business proposal, start developing ministry goals. What are you waiting for? Get to it, start delighting yourself in him so that you can start living the abundant life that God has for you.

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