

Being single is a blessing because...

You are spared from the inevitable troubles that marriage promises. (25-28)

You are reminded that your focus on Jesus Christ will always satisfy more than your marital status. (29-31)

You are provided with an opportunity to give whole-hearted devotion to Christ. (32-35)

You always have the freedom to marry if you would desire. (36-40)

***Questions for Discussion:***

What are some of the troubles that married people do face during the course of their lives?

What are some of the things married people say or do that put pressure on singles to pursue marriage?

If you are single, have you personally experienced any of these pressures?  
How did that make you feel?

If you are married, are you guilty of putting such pressures on any singles you know?  
If so, what single adults do you need to contact this week to apologize to and affirm in their singleness?

Have you observed marriages where a spouse is expecting his or her spouse to put them before Christ?

If so, what kinds of pressure is placed on a spouse if his or her spouse has such expectations?

How would such expectations impact one's ability to do ministry?

Are you guilty of putting such expectations on your spouse?  
Are you guilty of neglecting the legitimate responsibilities you do have to your spouse?  
If so, what can you do this week to correct your conduct?

What kinds of ministry could a single adult more easily engage in than someone who is married?

What are some ways single adults squander their opportunities for ministry?

If you are single, what would it look like for you to make the most of the opportunities before you?