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Review

The end goal of parenting is to produce a mature single adult who is married to the heart of God (*Sex and the Single Soul* [Jack Hayford], p.36)

Eunuchs are people who make themselves dead to sexual impulse; they do not respond to invitations to act upon sexual desire so that they can be responsive to the king (**Matthew 19: 11-12**).

The single life needs to be redefined by the eunuch experience in Scripture: a life of service to the king in which we subject lower order desires to higher order desires (**Romans 6:6, 12-14**)

The Good life vs. The God Life

The world promises the good life, but good as defined by humans.

Scripture promises Zoe, the God life.

The God life is the good life, but good as defined by God (**John 10:10**).

We find the God life in Jesus.

We follow Him by listening to His voice (**John 10:27**).

Jesus communicates to us through the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit in us and in Scripture.

Hence, the voice of Jesus is in the Scripture.

The voice of the world is in our flesh.

The world serenades our flesh and causes us to fall in love with it.

When we fall in love with the world, we put good and bad in the wrong categories.

John warns us about this deception (**I John 2:15-17**).

The world's offer is convincing because it delivers on the spot.

The world offers the most direct connection to the things that give us physical pleasure, emotional satisfaction and boosted egos.

However, what the world offers is temporary and becomes less satisfying with each hit.

The God life is eternal, but requires you to trust that God is a better judge of what is good for you than you are.

The Biblical View of Singleness

Biblically speaking, you are either married or single. The only thing that lies in between is engagement.

Biblical relationships are intentional, even the ones we have with ourselves.

It is the intentionality, not the status that creates the benefits.

Even though you are literally single, until you choose singleness, you won't reap the benefits of the status.

Godly singleness means making yourself dead to the world's invitations so that you can faithfully serve the king.

"Singleness is single-heartedness: more than anything, embracing your singleness means having the capacity to give yourself to God's purpose in your life unhindered and restricted by other obligations, yet without being dominated by self-centeredness" (*Sex and the Single Soul* [Jack Hayford], p.30).

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Recommended Reading:

- *Single, Married, Separated and Life after Divorce* (Myles Munroe)
- *Sex and the Single Soul: Guarding Your Heart in a World of Empty Promises* (Jack Hayford)
- *How One of You Can Bring the Two of You Together: Breakthrough Strategies to Resolve Your Conflict and Reignite Your Love* (Susan Page)