

stayPURE – don't waste your singleness – encouragement and practical advice for singles

Singleness is a season –

The problem of time and resources

The problem of loneliness –

1. We all want company –
2. Loneliness can be prime territory for self pity.
3. Self pity is prime territory for temptation.
4. Loneliness and time and resources – recipe for failure
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
5. The lonely person's tendency is to expect
6. The idol of companionship

The problem of purity

1. Our tendency is to define purity by what we don't do
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
- 2.
3. **Cabaniss** - *Glorifying God is an intentional pursuit. We don't accidentally drift into holiness; rather, we mature gradually and purposefully, one choice at a time. In the Christian walk, we can't just step onto the right path and figure all is well. Christian discipleship is a lifelong journey consisting of a series of countless steps. Each step matters, and thus our viewing habits matter.*

4. The differences between the way that your unbelieving single friends spend their time and money and the way that you spend your time and money should not be defined by what you avoid, but by what you do.

5. Eph 4:17-32, Eph 6 – armor of God – putting on good things

Owen – *Fill your affections with the cross of Christ and you will find no room for sin*

Ways to invest –

- 1.

- 2.

- 3.

- 4.

- 5.

6. Prepare for marriage –

- a. Men –

- b. Women –

A word about the internet and social networking

Helpful questions in evaluating your singleness:

Leisure time -

1. Do you plan your relaxation or do you fall into it?
2. What is the goal of my relaxation?
 - a. What are you “recharging” for?
 - b. Are you resting before work or are you just resting?
3. Does your method of relaxation help you achieve that goal or work against it?
4. How long will you relax?
5. What will you do after you relax?

Loneliness -

1. What do you do when you feel lonely?
 - a. Why?
2. Why do you feel lonely?
3. Have you extended yourself into other people today?
4. Did they respond? If so, how did you respond?
5. Did you not take a call from a friend, care group member, or church member today? Why?

Preparation -

1. If the right girl/right guy were to suddenly be here in the church, would I be financially, spiritually, emotionally, and relationally ready to ask/accept?
2. Is my time invested?
3. Do I have at least one or two men/women who are looking at me and asking hard questions?
4. Am I extending myself into older and younger generations?
5. Are there any habits that I have that I would not want my spouse to know about?
6. Do I have an “accept me as I am” mentality or am I pursuing a more Christ like life?