

# The Book of Ephesians

**The sorrow of singleness (Isaiah 56:3)**

“I am a dry tree”

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## **The condition of Godly singleness (Isaiah 56:4)**

Rest in the Lord - “keep my sabbaths”

- Hebrews 4:9-11

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Rejoice in the Lord - “choose what pleases Me”

- His word (Isaiah 55:11, Psalm 1:1-3)
- Obedience (1 Samuel 15:22)
- Faith (Hebrews 11:5-6)
- Suffering for Christ (Hebrews 13:10-14, Acts 5:41)
- Generosity (Hebrews 13:15-16, Matthew 5:3-4)

Resolute in the Lord – “hold fast My covenant”

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## **The reward of Godly singleness (Isaiah 56:5)**

Permanent residence – “My house”

Permanent remembrance – “A memorial”

Permanent recognition – “A name better”

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## **The impossibility of Godly singleness (Matthew 19:10-12)**

Singleness is harder than marriage (v. 11a)

- 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

Singleness is a gift (v. 11b)

- 1 Corinthians 7:7-8

Singleness should be embraced (v. 12)

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## **The radical life of a Godly single (1 Corinthians 7:28-35)**

A life focused on the Lord's work

- “undistracted”

A life fearless in doing the Lord's work

- “devoted”