

IV. **MAXIMIZE** OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- A. One of the benefits of being single is the **freedom** to serve without the responsibility of a spouse.

“32 But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

33 But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife.

34 There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.” I Corinthians 7:32-35

- B. The greatest happiness comes from **giving**, not getting.

“...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b

HOW DO YOU NEED TO APPLY GOD’S WISDOM TO YOUR MODERN FAMILY?

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MODERN FAMILY God’s Wisdom For Today’s Families Modern Family Singleness Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Modern families have major problems! We no longer live in a culture where the majority of homes include two parents with 2.3 kids and a white picket fence. The reality is modern family life is extremely complex, often dysfunctional and very painful. Is there any hope? YES! God has timeless wisdom for today’s families. He knows and cares and wants to help your family thrive.

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- B. You’re invited to attend this powerful series on the modern day family. You will discover how to have healthy relationships in whatever family situation whether single, married, kids, empty nester, whatever.

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- C. **TEXT:** Philippians 4:11-13 (Pew Bible/Pg. 204/New Test.)

These words were written by Paul, a **single adult** man. All the passages we are going to look at today were written by him.

MODERN FAMILY SINGLENESS

I. TRUST GOD WITH YOUR SITUATION

A. Three kinds of single adults:

- Single by **creation** – God made them to live single
“For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.” I Corinthians 7:7
- Single by **choice** – Could pursue marriage, but choose to remain single for some reason.
- Single by **circumstance** – Would like to be married, but haven’t found the right person.

B. God has a **wonderful** and **individual** marital plan for you.

“So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.”
I Corinthians 7:38

II. DEVELOP GODLY RELATIONSHIPS

A. Develop a relationship with **God**.

*“9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
10 and you are complete in Him,”* Colossians 2:9-10a

B. Develop a relationship with God’s **people**.

*“1 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father,
younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with
all purity.”* I Timothy 5:1-2

III. ADOPT GOD’S STANDARD FOR SEX

A. God’s standard for sex is between a **man** and a **woman** who are a **husband** and a **wife**.

*“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;
but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”*
Hebrews 13:4

*“3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you
should abstain from sexual immorality;
4 that each of you should know how to possess his own
vessel in sanctification and honor,”* I Thessalonians 4:3-4

B. Sexual sin is not worse than other sin, but it is very **different** and more **complex**.

*15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of
Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make
them members of a harlot? Certainly not!*

*16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is
one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become
one flesh.”*

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

*18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is
outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins
against his own body.*

*19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the
Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and
you are not your own?*

*20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in
your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

I Corinthians 6:15-20