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Three Foundations for Biblical Singleness...

- Both singleness and marriage are **good**.
 - ▶ Biblically, marriage is **expected**.
 - ▶ Biblically, singleness is **exceptional**.
- Both singleness and marriage are God's **gifts**.
 - ▶ Contentment is deep trust in the **sovereignty** of God.
 - ▶ Contentment is deep enjoyment of the **grace** of God.
- Both singleness and marriage are for God's **glory**.
 - ▶ Singleness has a purpose we must be careful not to **waste**.

Four Reasons to Delight in Singleness...

- Because of the **times** we're in.
 - ▶ We are looking forward to an eternal **hope**.
- Because of the **mission** we're on.
 - ▶ We are living for an eternal **heritage**.
- Because we want to be **undistracted** in our affections.
 - ▶ We guard against unholy **sexual** desires.
 - ▶ We guard against unholy **selfish** desires.
- Because we want to be **undivided** in our devotion.
 - ▶ We give ourselves wholly to a **single** desire:

To use His **good gift** for His **great glory**.



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