

WHOLEHEARTEDNESS IN OUR VOCATIONS



CALLED TO SINGLENES

Vocation: Our response to God's call to love Him and love others through our singleness.

**Both singleness and marriage
are gifts from God**

I wish that all people were just like me. But each has his own gift from God, one person in this way and another in that way.

1 Corinthians 7:7

**Singleness is about singularity
of vision, mission, and loyalty to
God and his kingdom**

One clear difference between Christianity and Judaism (and all the other traditional religions) is the former's entertainment of the idea that singleness as the paradigm way of life for it's followers.

Stanley Hauerwas

Vowed Celibacy

Dedicated Celibacy

**Singleness is a prophetic sign of
God's kingdom**

If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**1 Corinthians 15:19-20,
58**

**Being single doesn't mean
being alone**

**Rejoice, childless one, who did not give birth;
burst into song and shout, you who have not been
in labor! For the children of the forsaken one will
be more than the children of the married woman,”
says the LORD.**

Isaiah 54:1

Christian singles are thus radical witnesses to the resurrection. They forfeit heirs - the only other possibility of their survival beyond the grave - in the hope that one day all creation will be renewed. The Christian single makes no sense if the God of Jesus Christ is not living and true.

**Rodney
Clapp**

I assure you,” Jesus said, “there is no one who has left house, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children, or fields because of Me and the gospel, who will not receive 100 times more, now at this time—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and eternal life in the age to come.

Mark 10:29-30

Pastoral Encouragements