

The Sanctity of Singleness

I. Recap

- Relationships are a tool that God uses to make us _____.
- Intimacy dies when dreams turn into _____.
- Most marriages move from a _____ to a _____.
- _____ relationships are never _____ relationships.

II. Father Abraham: A Manipulator or a Model? (Genesis 24:1-27)

- Abraham understood his _____ in securing Isaac a wife.

Dad vs. Dating: Recognizing the Dysfunctions of Dating

- Presupposes the _____
- Hinders _____
- Teaches unhealthy _____
- Selfishly and insecurely _____ a good relationship

- Abraham went _____ - _____.
- _____ was preeminent in providing a spouse for Isaac.

- Abraham was _____ in the right pond.
- Abraham understood that _____ and _____ are intertwined.

I Thessalonians 4:3-8

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Five Questions Every Single Person Needs to be Able to Answer:

- Do I understand the _____?
- Do I understand what is at _____?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

- Do I understand that God's _____ are for my _____?

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- Do I understand the _____?

Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

- Will I pursue _____?

Deuteronomy 30:15-16

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

- Abraham had a _____ that Rebecca met.

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