# Considering Singleness: Purity, Calling, & Compromise (1 Corinthians 7:2, 7-9, 39-40) – March 13, 2022

**1. God calls all His people to be sexually pure—for singles, this means abstinence as an act of worship.**

**2. Contentment in singleness to serve God with full attention is a spiritual gift.**

**3. However, having an intense desire for sexual intimacy or marriage is God’s calling to consider seeking marriage.**

**4. God’s sole requirement for a Christian’s choice of a partner is choosing to marry only a Christian who obeys the commands of Jesus.**

*Additional Resource: See PDF on church website: “The Need to Choose Marriage with a Born-Again Christian (SUPPLEMENTARY ARTICLE)”*

### Self-Reflection for Singles

1. **Is my identity grounded in Christ or in my hope for marriage?**
2. **Have I been redeeming my time of singleness? What can I be doing to make this time more productive and spiritually fruitful?**
3. **Who can I invite to pray for and with me regarding my desire for marriage?**
4. **In my singleness, what do I need to grieve before the Lord?**
5. **What are my expectations in finding a partner?**
   * Do I really require that the person be a faithful Christian?
   * Are my expectations too high for secondary things? Have these expectations brought unnecessary challenges to my finding a partner?
6. **If marriage is my desire, have I been proactive in putting myself in a place where finding a Christian partner is a possibility?**