# Remain Single or Choose Marriage (Part 1): Getting our Priorities Straight - April 24, 2022

**Universal Principle of Godliness: Serve God in Your Current Life Circumstance Without Putting Inordinate Time/Energy to Change It – 7:17a**

**Because for the Christian:**

1. **Ethnic and cultural identity does not have spiritual value in God’s sight – 7:19a**
2. **Our spiritual status as “holy ones” supersedes and overturns the status structure of society – 7:22**
3. **What is valuable is knowing and obeying God’s commands in Scripture – 7:19b**
4. **The life of obeying God’s commands is the life of happiness – 7:40**

**Implications for Singles:**

1. **What is spiritually valuable in God’s sight is not our status of marriage, but our holiness realized by knowing and obeying Scripture.**
2. **Despite our society’s prejudice against singleness, Scripture teaches that:** 
   1. **The life of single people can be just as meaningful, fulfilling, and valuable if that life is lived for God.**
   2. **Single people who belong to Jesus are highly valued in God’s sight; this is the foundation of our identity and self-worth, not our marital status.**
3. **It is possible to be happy (or at least not anxious) as a single Christian if you have a close relationship with Jesus.**