

#### **Some Initial Truths**

- ✓ Marriage isn't <u>mandatory</u> nor it is for everyone
- ✓ Marriage is the best option for many
- ✓ Singleness is the best option for some
  - Nothing wrong with being single
  - Being single is a gift from God
  - Being single has its <u>advantages</u>

# It's Better to Remain Single Than..

- ✓ To marry an unbeliever
- ✓ To marry someone who will hinder your spiritual growth
- ✓ To marry for the wrong reason or motive
- ✓ To marry without being willing to give ourselves to another completely

#### It's Better to Marry If...

- ✓ Our lives would be more complete with a mate
- ✓ God leads us to someone we love and who loves us
- ✓ We are confident that our relationship will illustrate
  Christ's love for the Church
- ✓ We are willing to spend the remainder of our days giving more than receiving.

## The Value of Being Single

- ✓ You can be single minded
- ✓ You have fewer <u>distractions</u>
- ✓ You have fewer troubles
- ✓ You have fewer concerns

## **How Should I View My Life?**

- ✓ Find your <u>identity</u> in Christ
- √ Find your <u>significance</u> in Christ
- ✓ Find your purpose in Christ

## What Should I Be Doing?

- ✓ Be content Find your satisfaction & delight in Jesus first
- ✓ Be working on yourself
- ✓ Be <u>patient</u> in God's perfect timing
- ✓ Be careful of sexual temptation & settling for just anyone
- ✓ Be joyful where God has you
- ✓ Be growing in your walk with the Lord and as a person
- ✓ Be serving the Church and others

Whether married or single, Christ must be my greatest priority.