

Singles, Single Parents, and Families, That Don't Brood

* Singles - Quit Brooding. You're Currently What God Wants You to Be (1 Corinthians 7:6-8, 17-20, 24)

^{1 Cor. 7:6} Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.

⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.

¹⁷Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.

¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.

²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.

²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

* Single Parents - Quit Brooding. God (and Your Church Family) are Always with You (Isaiah 54:5-8; Psalm 68:5; James 1:27)

Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶ For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

⁷ For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸ In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

Psalm 68:5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

* Families - Quit Brooding. God is Greater Than Your Anxiety & Depression (And Can Remove It!) (Psalm 9:9-10; Deuteronomy 31:8; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:8)

Psalm 9:9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Deut. 31:8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

