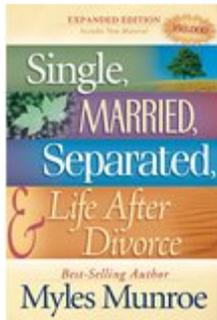




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THE MYTH OF SINGLENESS!" (TAKEN FROM SINGLE, MARRIED, SEPARATED & LIFE AFTER DIVORCE)

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OVERVIEW:

The late Dr. Myles Munroe began this book with a quote that says,

“Its okay to be single, but not good to be alone.”

Let’s do a quick poll. How many Divas here on tonight are single – either by choice or by circumstance? How many of you feel bad, inferior, devalued or some type of way because you find yourself single in this season of your life?

What is “singleness”?

What does it mean to be single?

Any dictionary definition will have these words, or synonyms for them: “to be separate, unique, and whole. If a state of singleness means “to be unique and whole,” then to be totally single should be every Christian’s number one goal. Until you are a separate, single, unique, and whole person you actually are not ready to marry!



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What Dr. Munroe emphasis in this book is that *until you are truly single*, marriage will be a difficult, and perhaps negative, experience.

GOD'S VIEW OF SINGLENESS

In **(Genesis 2:18)**, did God say, "It is not good for man to be single? No. He said, "***...It is not good that the man should be alone...***"

God had no problem with the man's separateness, his uniqueness, or his wholeness. As a matter of fact, Adam did not know that he was alone. God's statement was predicated on His own observation of the situation, on His own wisdom.

The implication is that Adam was so totally unique and so whole that he did not miss anybody. He was so "together," so separate, and so complete in himself that he did not even know he needed anyone else. Having a companion was not Adam's idea, but God's.

Another thing that you need to see is that *Adam did not need a wife*. That is another misconception we have gotten from traditional thinking.

God did not say, "Adam is not a whole being, so I will make him a wife to complete him."



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In essence, God said, "I am going to make him a helper who will be compatible, or suitable, or like him; another being who will complement him and be complemented by him."

What we need to understand is that God made a second human being, not just for Adam to marry, but in order that he would *not be alone*. Therefore, *you* do not have to marry in order not to be alone – all you need not to be alone is to have some other humans to be your companions and close friends.

A lot of people are not married and yet are not alone. So we need to stop pressuring unmarried people to move into something that could prevent them from achieving the goal of total singleness. Marriage was not instituted, as you can see from God's attitude in **(Genesis 2)**, to solve the problem of being alone – human beings were created as an answer to that problem.

Marriage will not solve "aloneness." Many people are married now, and the marriages are not working. Marriage is not the answer to being alone.

WHAT DOES ALONE MEAN?

When God said it was not good for Adam to be *alone*, the word used has three major foundational definitions: "exclusive, isolated, solitary."



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Suppose we read what God said according to those definitions:

“It is not good for a man to be exclusive.”

“It is not good for a man to be isolated.”

“It is not good for man to be in a solitary state.”

To summarize God’s view of singleness,



I want to use an illustration of a key ring and a bunch of keys.

If you have one, get it out and look at it. Each key is unique, separate, and whole, yet all of the keys are joined by a common ring. The keys are single, but not alone; thus, it is possible to be single and not alone. God did *not* say it was not good for man to be unique, separate, or whole.

As a matter of fact, God likes uniqueness so much that He did not allow two human beings out of all the billions who have lived to have identical fingerprints. In addition, there are other things about human beings which are never replicated in other human beings, such as eye retina patterns, DNA cells, or the sperm content of men.



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Our conclusion must be that God not only likes uniqueness, separateness, and wholeness, He *insists* on it in his creations.

It is therefore vital for you to understand that being single – “separate, unique, and whole” – is most essential to, and the foundation of, not only marital relationships but all relationships. Remember, a relationship is only as good as whatever the individuals involved bring to it. The omelet is only as good as the eggs in it.

“Singleness is a state to be pursued, not avoided.

To be single should be the goal of every married person.”

