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“Single and Whole”
A New Marriage – Part 1
1 Corinthians 7; Colossians 3
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1. It is not good to be alone (Genesis 2:18).
But it is good to be single (1 Corinthians 7:7-8, pg 809).
2. Life does not start when we graduate, marry, have children, or retire.
It is now. Whatever your situation, live fully now (1 Corinthians 7:17-31).
3. Singleness allows greater *“undivided devotion to the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).
4. Even young singles can be an example and inspiration *“in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity”* (1 Timothy 4:12).
5. Use the season of singleness to prepare for the future (Colossians 3:1-19, pg 834).
 - :1-4 Learn what it means that *“Christ is our life.”*
 - :5-11 Recognize, repent, and recover from old ideas, values, and habits.
 - :12-17 Learn what real love is – Jesus’ kind of love and what a difference it makes.

How do you know when you have the right kind of love to be married?

Study Questions for Next Week
A New Marriage – Part 2

1. Read Genesis 2:20-25 and Matthew 19:4-6.
2. What expectations did you have in mind on your wedding day? Are those expectations different now? And if so, how?
3. Based on the above Genesis and Matthew passages, what do you think God has in mind for your marriage?