

Flourish // Part 3 Singleness Speaker: BJ Chursinoff

"I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." - John 10:10b

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Lie #1 - A single person is "" because they are not married.				
"Young lions lack food and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD will not lack any good thing." - Psalm 34:10				
"I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." - John 15:11				
"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17				
Lie #2 - You must have to flourish as a human being. Lie #3 - Single people must be				
See: Matthew 12:46-50; Matthew 19:28-29; Luke 19:1-10; Mark 2:15-17				
1. Maximize the relationship you have with God.				
2. Maximize the relationships in your biological family.				
3. Maximize the relationships in your spiritual family (local church)				

4. Maximize your relationships in the world.

Lie #4 - Being married is	
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"Because of the present distress, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. However, if you do get married, you have not sinned, and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But such people will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you. This is what I mean, brothers and sisters: The time is limited, so from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none, those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they didn't own anything, and those who use the world as though they did not make full use of it. For this world in its current form is passing away. I want you to be without concerns. The unmarried man is concerned about the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. But the married man is concerned about the things of the world—how he may please his wife— and his interests are divided. The unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world—how she may please her husband. I am saying this for your own benefit, not to put a restraint on you, but to promote what is proper and so that you may be devoted to the Lord without distraction."

- 1 Corinthians 7:26-35

The following is a self-test a single Christian can take to help them discern whether God is calling them to remain single or to be married.

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Do you have a desire to be married?			
2. Do you have a biblical reason to get married?			
3. Are you attracted to the opposite sex?			
4. Are you eligible for marriage, biblically?			
5. Are you mature enough to get married?			
6. Is the other person mature enough to get married?			

If you can answer to yes to all the questions above honestly, then that is a good indication that God has called you to marriage.