

∴ sex & the single person

“Our society is screwed up sexually...this is in no small part because we develop physically about 10 years before normal marrying age. We want to wait until we’ve graduated college, until we’re financially independent, or even until we’ve “enjoyed our freedom” before we commit to marriage.”

- What do you think about this cultural situation?
- Do you think we should get married younger?
- How much of what you think is shaped by our culture and how much by the Bible?
- What was your impression of the single adults you knew when you were growing up?
- How did these opinions shape your own feelings about marriage and singleness?

Read I Timothy 4:1-3a

- Have you ever heard of teachings in the church or outside of it that forbid people from marrying?
- Why would “deceiving spirits” want to forbid marriage?
- How is this different from the vows taken by priests and nuns?

Read I Timothy 5:11-15

- Does this passage about young widows apply to young, single people?
- What do you think about the implied reason for marriage in this reading?

Read 1 Corinthians 7

- What do you think about the merits of Paul’s “it is better for a man not to marry” point?
- Verses 36-38 talk about how it’s ok to marry or not marry a virgin you’re en-

gaged to. What do you think about this section?

During the message, Brad gave some advice to single people who are dating.

Advice for single folk/other single people:

1. Girls...it is ok to be a Christian girl and flirt.
 2. Guys don’t tell a girl that God told you that you should date her.
 3. How far is too far?
 4. What should I be looking for in a member of the opposite sex?
 - a. You should be looking for someone to marry.
 - b. Someone you’re attracted to.
 - c. Someone who has the same beliefs you do.
 - d. Someone who wants the same things you do.
 - e. You need to find someone you love.
- If you’re married, is there any advice you would give to singles?
 - If you’re single, is there any advice you want to hear from marrieds?
 - Was any of the advice given either Sunday morning or by the group just now something you disagree with?
 - What can we do to be good role models for the singles in our community?