

# **21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**

*with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown*

**DAY 13 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

## **The Kingdom Singles**

### **1 Corinthians 7:25–40**

**Reflection:** 1 Corinthians 7:25–40, deals with the subject of singleness in the kingdom. In this passage, the apostle Paul answers the questions concerning marriage and singleness, and gives us a kingdom (not the worldly) perspective of singleness.

The passage teaches us what it means to be single and empowers you to embrace your singlehood while maximizing every moment of your life. Paul makes it clear that if you are single, God can make your situation a blessing rather than bitter if you look to Him to do it. If you are single, take courage and pride in your position because God Himself is your purpose. You have been made for Him, as He says in Isaiah, “For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the Lord of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. “For the Lord has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,” Says your God.” (Isaiah 54:5-6)

The Apostle Paul understood the single lifestyle far better than the social commentators of our day. A summary of his inspired words in the New Testament present us with a challenge that cuts across the grain of our society: Being single is not a curse but a blessing.

- 1. Thank God for the life of the single individuals He has planted in SBCOD: for their love for God, faithfulness and dedication to His service.**
- 2. Pray that God would grant them the grace to approve that which is excellent in order to be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Philippians 1:10**
- 3. Pray that SBCOD singles will faithfully use their life in service to Christ, seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, trusting that God will meet your every need. Matthew 6:33**
- 4. Ask God to grant them a love for Him that consumes all their heart, all their soul, and all their minds. Pray that He would also grant them a love for others, as they love themselves. Matthew 22:37-39**
- 5. Ask God to help our singles trust in Him, and to remain within the safety of His boundaries for their lives, thus enjoying safe pasture. Pray that God would cultivate in their heart a true delight in Him, and a willingness to commit their ways completely to Him. (Psalm 37:3-5).**
- 6. Pray that as our singles in SBCOD seek their future husbands and wives, they will trust in the Lord with all their heart, resisting the urge to rely on their own understanding, but instead choosing to acknowledge Him in all their ways.**
- 7. Pray for singles in relationship that they will put God first, pursue purity, keep themselves pure and honor God in everything they do. Hebrews 13:4**