Connect Group Study Guide: Singled Out For a Blessing

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Singleness is a unique God given season to bless and enrich one's life.   However, because so many misunderstand it and our culture puts so much pressure on single people, it can fraught with many challenges and dangers. Perhaps the greatest danger in singleness is to assume marriage will meet our unmet needs, solve our weaknesses, organise our lives, and unleash our gifts.

Far from being the solution, marriage can sometimes expose and heighten our weaknesses, it can further disrupt and disorganise our lives and if not treated in the right way, marriage can suffocate our gifts and quench our anointing.

Marriage is not the panacea for all your ills as a single person, a strong and healthy relationship with Jesus is. All things are temporary including marriage, the only things that last forever are who you are and where you stand in Christ, so work on yourself and your relationship with God whether single or married.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reveals the impact marriage can have on a Christian's life and ministry. He tells them marry if you must but know that serving God does not become easier when you marry. Marriage carries tremendous blessings but can also be challenging and if we don't engage with God in our season of singleness then we can miss out on its blessings.
Each season of our lives is given to us by God to work out His purposes in us. Enjoy each season you are in and allow God's lessons and blessings to enrich your life in Jesus name.
   -   Pastor Aaron

Proverbs 18:22,   Psalm 127:3-5,   Isaiah 56:4-5,   Corinthians 6:15-19,
1 Corinthians 7:25-36,   1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Using the above scriptures (any others you can think of) discuss the following questions. Please share your experiences but in giving advice or teaching on the subject be directed by the scripture.

1. What are the benefits and dangers of being single and how can we get the best out of it?

2. What are the benefits and dangers of marriage and how can we get the best out of it?