



Single Sex

A Heroic Lifestyle

Singleness Clichés

- * Marriage defines success culturally and in the Church
- * Stigmatising questions like : why? or what's wrong?, why don't you just X? or Y? or Z?
- * Couples are happier

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“In the resurrection, then, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had married her.”

Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken, because you don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. Now concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read what was spoken to you by God: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.”

—*Matt 22.28-32*

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Singles Sexuality — Chastity

- * Chastity: *the state or practice of refraining from extramarital, or especially from all, sexual intercourse, or more simply stated : **purity***
- * A radical, meditated and disciplined choice
- * A witness to the world and to the Church of radical commitment to Christ
- * As expressed in St Teresa Avila's famous poem:
*"Whoever has God lacks nothing
God alone is enough"*

The Heroics of Procreation

- * The married chose to act in faith that they can raise children who will seek God in a fallen world
- * Singles chose by faith to invest themselves in producing spiritual offspring

Single's in the Church

- * Hold singles up as heroes of faith
- * Commit to encourage their commitment
- * Be sensitive in discussions, Matt 7.12 :
 - * “I’m sure God has someone planned for you”
 - * “Did you hear about X, who met Y by travelling, etc...”
- * Assure that sexual temptations and failures are not taboo topics