

Resources on singleness and sexuality

Websites

- <https://www.singlefriendlychurch.com/> Helping churches include single adults.
- <https://www.singlemindedconference.com/Resources> Lots of really helpful resources on singleness, relationships, marriage, friendship, dating and more.
- <http://www.livingout.org> A resource for Christians experiencing same sex attraction. Lots of useful teaching on biblical sexuality, singleness and marriage.
- <https://truefreedomtrust.co.uk/articles> True Freedom Trust offers biblical teaching and pastoral support on sexuality, singleness and related issues.
- <http://spiritualfriendship.org/> Musings on God, Sexuality and Relationships by a number of contributors including Wes Hill, Ron Belgau and Mark Yarhouse.
- <http://katewharton.blogspot.com/> Single and celibate vicar from Liverpool.

Articles

Sex

- Tim Chester - Sex is more significant than you think - <https://timchester.wordpress.com/2015/08/31/sex-is-more-significant-than-you-think/>
- Tim Chester - Sex is less significant than you think - <https://timchester.wordpress.com/2015/09/14/sex-is-less-significant-that-you-think/>

Singleness, celibacy and marriage

- The C Word: Why is celibacy so misunderstood and undervalued? - <https://www.annewitton.uk/blog/the-c-word-why-is-celibacy-so-misunderstood-and-undervalued->
- Sex and the Single Woman - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/sex-and-the-single-woman/>
- Are We Really in Danger of Making an Idol of the Family? - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/really-danger-making-idol-family/>
- 40 Year Old Virgin - <http://katewharton.blogspot.com/2018/09/40-year-old-virgin.html>

Community

- Anne and Abby and their community house - <http://www.livingout.org/resources/anne-and-abby-on-their-community-house>

Videos

- Why are there so few single people in church? <https://youtu.be/AgNsmwHTSt4>
- Thorny Questions: Why are Christians so weird about sex? <https://youtu.be/CWeDpCedGU0>
- Is Living Out One's Sexual Desires Necessary To Living A Happy Life? <https://youtu.be/CWsTR6WKxOk>

- How Can Christians Respond More Effectively to the Sexual Revolution? - Glynn Harrison
<https://youtu.be/bRy5Rc3F1TE>
- Telling a Better Story: The Bible, Sex, and Human Flourishing - Glynn Harrison
<https://youtu.be/CQ3rXqFHqJE>

Books

- Sam Allberry '7 Myths About Singleness' - <https://amzn.to/31UamWi>
- Andrew Trevenna 'The Heart of Singleness: How to be single and satisfied' -
<https://amzn.to/2MWOsNV>
- Kate Wharton 'Singleminded' - <http://amzn.eu/d/90iLFrc>
- Barry Danylak 'Redeeming Singleness' - <https://amzn.to/2HWBIWN>
- Kutter Callaway 'Breaking the Marriage Idol: Reconstructing Our Cultural and Spiritual Norms' - <https://amzn.to/36hhq2i>
- Christine Colon and Bonnie Field 'Singled Out: Why Celibacy Must Be Reinvented in Today's Church' - <https://amzn.to/36ecLOS>
- Wesley Hill 'Spiritual Friendship' - <http://amzn.eu/dmVoWpg>
- Vaughan Roberts 'True Friendship' - <https://amzn.to/31X4kUJ>
- Ed Shaw 'The Plausibility Problem' - <http://amzn.eu/3o1L8ds>
- Glynn Harrison 'A Better Story' - <http://amzn.eu/7VFXN5H>
- Rosaria Butterfield 'The Gospel Comes With A House Key' - <https://amzn.to/2pmigdG>

Questions to discuss with your churches

- If you're a Christian parent, would you be equally happy for your children to be single or married? Most parents want grandchildren and are often quite vocal about it which can't help but make single people and childless couples feel second-rate.
- Do our church leadership and ministry roles equally reflect the value of single and married people, both male and female?
- Do we talk about being 'still single' as though it's a transitory phrase?
- Do we talk about our spouses as our 'other half'?
- Do we treat single people as though they're not quite grown up, don't have huge responsibilities, have lots of spare time or don't know anything about children?
- When we teach about abstinence, do we present its benefits in terms of marriage ('true love waits' - it'll be better for your marriage if you've stayed pure) or do we celebrate abstinence as a reward in itself?
- Are all our celebrations in church centred around nuclear family (engagements, weddings, births, christening / dedication / baptism) or do we have ways of celebrating the single people in our church?
- Are we open about the difficulties in our marriages and do we invite single people to share their wisdom, to pray for us and to serve in our families?
- Are we willing to share lives together – holidays, housing, chores, possessions – even when it's inconvenient?