# Single Life: Following John the Baptist's Mission



Explore the meaning and purpose of single life through John the Baptist's example and mission in a meaningful 5-day Bible study plan.





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#### Introduction

Living the single life is a unique journey that many face with questions about purpose, calling, and contentment. *John the Baptist* offers a compelling biblical example of living a dedicated single life focused entirely on God's mission. Unlike many who view singleness as merely a season to endure, John's life shows us how being single can be a powerful and purposeful calling.

John was set apart from birth for a special role to prepare the way for the Messiah, and he embraced his single life with full focus and passion. His mission wasn't distracted by earthly attachments but remained fixed on pointing others to Jesus. This Bible study will help you understand how your singleness can be a gift for deeper devotion and greater impact.

Over the next five days, we'll explore Scripture that sheds light on the blessings, challenges, and divine opportunities in single living. Through John's story, discover how to live with confidence, purpose, and joy regardless of your marital status. Whether single by circumstance or choice, God invites you to live a life of meaning and fulfillment in Him.

Let this journey inspire you to embrace your calling and walk in the freedom of the single life with a heart like John the Baptist's — wholly devoted to God's plan.















#### Your Verse

Luke 1:15 — "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 37:4 "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."
- 1 Corinthians 7:32 "An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs."







#### Devotional: Seeing Singleness as Divine Appointment

John the Baptist's single life was divinely appointed. From before his birth, he was set apart for a unique purpose — to prepare people's hearts for Jesus. This calling required focus and commitment, untouched by earthly distractions.

Embracing your current season of singleness means recognizing it as God's gift and opportunity to grow deeper in your relationship with Him. Singleness is not a waiting room but a sacred space for spiritual growth and service. Like John, you are equipped to pour your energy into knowing God and fulfilling His plans.

Remember, God delights in those who delight in Him. Let this truth shape your attitude today. Whether you feel content or long for change, God's purpose in your life remains steady. Trust that He is working in and through your single days for His glory.

Ask yourself: Is your heart open to receiving the fullness of God's plans in this season? How can your singleness be a gift to others and to the kingdom?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does John the Baptist's calling inspire you to view your singleness?
2.	What areas of your life could deepen by embracing this season fully?
3.	In what ways might God be preparing you for future service?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your feelings toward your current season of singleness.
2.	List ways you can serve God more fully as a single person.
	Reflect on any fears or doubts about singleness and how to trust God more.







#### Prayer for Today

**Dear Lord,** help me to embrace this season of singleness with a willing heart. Teach me to see Your purposes clearly and to delight in Your plans. May my focus be on You and Your kingdom above all else. Strengthen me to live with joy and confidence, just as You called John the Baptist to do. Guide my steps and fill me with peace as I walk this path. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 

















#### Your Verse

John 1:23 — "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 3:1 "In those days John the Baptist came..."
- Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."







#### Devotional: Purpose Fueled by a Single Focus

John's mission was clear — to prepare the way for Jesus, calling people to repentance and renewal. His single life gave him freedom to be fully engaged in this intense mission without divided priorities.

When you align your life with God's calling, your season of singleness becomes deeply meaningful. Like John, you can be a powerful voice encouraging others toward Christ. Your life can serve as a beacon of hope and transformation in a world longing for truth.

*Purpose fuels perseverance.* John wasn't distracted or disheartened by his single status; instead, he leaned into God's plan with boldness. This challenges us to examine whether our purpose drives our daily decisions and attitudes.

Take courage that God's call on your life transcends relationship status and equips you for significant impact.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What is God's mission for your life in this season?
	Are there distractions competing with your purpose? How can you refocus?
3.	How can your single life uniquely position you to serve God?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe what living with God-given purpose means to you.
2.	Identify one way to serve or reach out this week with your gifts.
3.	Write about obstacles you face in pursuing God's mission and prayer for strength.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for giving me a clear purpose just as You did with John the Baptist. Help me to live each day focused on Your mission and to trust in Your guidance. Remove distractions that pull me away and fill me with boldness to proclaim Your truth. Use my singleness to serve others and point them to You. *In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.* �� 🐧 🜀









# Day 3: V Strength in Singleness









Day 3: ① Strength in Singleness

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 40:31 — "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."







Day 3: ① Strength in Singleness

#### Devotional: Finding God's Strength in Singleness

Living single can have moments of loneliness or challenges, but God promises to renew our strength and be our refuge. John the Baptist faced opposition, isolation, and hardship, yet he was sustained by God's provision and power.

Strength in singleness comes from trusting God deeply. It doesn't mean difficulties disappear, but His grace is enough to carry you through every trial. Lean into God's presence daily to find courage and resilience.

Consider the ways God has sustained you so far and how He continues to be faithful even in tough times. Your singleness can be a time to develop spiritual endurance and deeper intimacy with God.

Remember, God's power is often made perfect in our weakness.







Day 3: **(**) Strength in Singleness

### Reflect and Apply

	What challenges do you face in your single life, and how have you seen God's strength sustain you?
2.	How can you cultivate greater trust in God during difficult moments?
3.	In what ways might your struggles be preparing you for greater ministry?







Day 3: **(**) Strength in Singleness

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List moments when God's strength helped you overcome a challenge.
2.	Write about feelings of loneliness or hardship and pray for God's peace.
3.	Reflect on how weakness has made you rely more fully on God.







Day 3: V Strength in Singleness

#### Prayer for Today

Father God, in moments of weakness and loneliness, remind me of Your everlasting strength. Help me to rely on Your grace daily and to find refuge in Your presence. Renew my spirit and give me courage to persevere with joy. Like John, may I stand firm and shine Your light even in difficult times. *Thank You for being my rock and shield. Amen.*















#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:11 — "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 6:6 "Godliness with contentment is great gain."
- Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strength."







#### Devotional: Choosing Joy and Contentment Now

John the Baptist exemplified contentment and joy in fulfilling God's plan, despite living a humble, solitary life in the wilderness. His joy was rooted not in circumstances but in knowing he was doing God's will.

Contentment is a powerful spiritual posture that enables peace and joy regardless of external situations. It is a fruit of trusting God's timing and sovereignty.

Singleness need not be lonely or frustrating when you adopt an eternal perspective that values obedience over comfort. God calls you to find joy in every step of your journey.

Reflect on ways to cultivate gratitude and celebrate the unique blessings this season holds. Let the joy of the Lord fill your heart and give you strength.







# Reflect and Apply

	What areas of singleness challenge your contentment, and how can you surrender them to God?
2.	How can focusing on God's joy transform your outlook?
3.	What blessings might you be overlooking in your current season?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what contentment looks like for you right now.
2.	List three blessings in your single life to thank God for.
3.	Reflect on how joy can be a source of strength during trials.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** teach me to be content in every circumstance and to find my joy in You alone. Help me to trust Your timing and plan for my life. Fill my heart with gratitude and peace so that I may walk confidently in this season of singleness. Let Your joy be my strength and testimony. *In Your precious name I pray, Amen.* 💮 👽 🙏

















#### Your Verse

James 1:5 — "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you..."
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything..."







#### Devotional: Wisdom and Trust for the Future

John the Baptist knew his season was preparing others for the coming Messiah — a critical and timely mission. Though he lived a single life, he was part of God's greater unfolding plan.

As you look ahead, seek God's guidance in what lies next. Whether your future includes marriage or lifelong singleness, your calling remains to glorify God and serve His kingdom fully.

Ask God for wisdom as you make decisions and embrace this moment as foundational preparation. Trust that every season has purpose and that God's timing is perfect.

Your single life is not wasted time — it is fertile ground for growth, faith, and preparation for all God wants to do through you.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you seek God's wisdom for the plans ahead?
	In what ways can your current season prepare you for future opportunities?
3.	Are there fears or uncertainties about your future you need to surrender?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer asking God for wisdom about your future.
2.	Reflect on how this season may be shaping your character and faith.
3.	List hopes you have, surrendering control to God's perfect plan.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Gracious God,** I ask for Your wisdom as I move forward in life. Help me to trust Your perfect timing and to embrace Your plans for me, whether known or unknown. Guide my steps and prepare my heart to glorify You in every season. May I live today confident that You are in control of all my tomorrows. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 







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