

***“The Singles in Our Family”***

**Acts 4:32-35**

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*B. The Result of their Service*

*C. The Principle*

## 1 Corinthians 12:24-26

But God has so composed the body ... so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

“its parts should have equal concern for each other.” (NIV)

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## Psalm 68:5,6

A father of the fatherless and a judge for the  
widows,

Is God in His holy habitation.

God makes a home for the lonely;

He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,  
Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

*“Makes the solitary to dwell in a house.”*

## **John 19:26,27**

When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

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***B. Put Aside Excuses***

***C. Getting Started***

***1. Build Bridges***

***2. Open up Heart and Home***

## **III. Results of Serving Singles**

***A. Singles Feel Cared For – Part of the Church Family***

***B. Church as a Whole is Much Healthier***

*Single Not Separate: How to make the church a family*      *-Virginia McInerney.*



## Benefits for Singles

- *By forging friendships with families, you gain a sense of belonging unlike what you experience with singles.*
- *Derive a great sense of worth from friendships with families.*
- *Broadens opportunities for social events and recreational activities.*
- *Nice to be able to share meals with periodically.*
- *Gives you the opportunity to strengthen the marriages of close friends by practical support, prayer and helping them in the work of child raising.*

- *Helps you feel like you “fit in” and aren’t some sort of anomaly.*
- *Offers refreshing, safe and “no-pressure” experiences with the opposite sex.*

## **Benefits for the Families**

- *Your children can have a strong Christian role model and these singles can reinforce the values that the parents are trying to instill in their children.*
- *Singles can provide extra help. Singles can pitch in and help with things – esp with babies or toddlers.*
- *They can assist in emergencies or when unexpected needs arise.*
- *Singles can develop a deep love for the children of their married friends.*

- *Singles can provide times for the couples to share together.*

