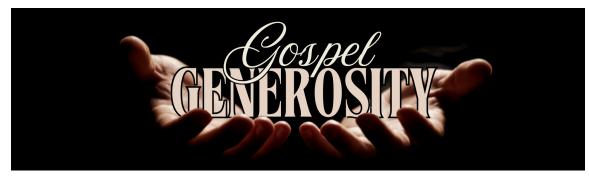
Pastor J. Derek Futrell - Sunday, January 12, 2025 Parkway Baptist Church



Series: Gospel Generosity Title: In Singleness and Marriage Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

January Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV) 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 <u>When Christ who is your life</u> appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- 1. We are created and called to be in relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is LIFE! (Col. 3:1-11)
- 2. We relate to God in three relationships:
 - a. God as our Father, we are His children.
 - b. Jesus as our Groom, we are His bride.
 - c. Holy Spirit as our Advocate (Helper, Counselor, Encourager), we are His friend.
- 3. Salvation is a perfect permanent gift of God.
 - a. God is Creator of all. He is Father to all who call upon His name in salvation. (Romans 11:36; 10:13).
 - b. Jesus saves and sustains us. (John 3:16-18; Heb. 13:8)
 - c. The Holy Spirit empowers us. (Acts 1:8, John 14:26).
- 4. Singleness is a good temporary gift of God.
 - a. Singleness is not a lesser type of existence. (1 Cor. 7:28)
 - b. Singleness shows us the sufficiency of the gospel. (1 Cor. 7:32-35)
- 5. Marriage is a good temporary gift of God. (Matt. 22:30)
 - a. Marriage is not ultimate.
 - b. Marriage points beyond itself to the ultimate relationship. (Eph. 5:20-33)
- 6. Friendship is a good eternal gift of God. (John 15:14-17)
- 7. The church family is a good eternal gift of God. (Mark 10:28-310



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