Subject: Gift of Celibacy Posted by Mark L on Sun, 21 Jan 2018 23:13:12 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I've been wanting to post this for a while but kept forgetting.

Celibacy of course at least according to google is

the state of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations.

For our purposes as Christians we could just say marriage. This subject has bothered me for a long time. Let me explain. Most of our assemblies are small churches and some far distant from others. As well we have (speaking of the faith message) people and disciples (of Jesus) scattered around by themselves wanting to have a mate but not able to find one. Or not part of a church big enough to find one. Or part of a small church and no other church close by.

We have others (again speaking of the faith message) who are celibate because of divorce. Uncomfortable remarrying because of the biblical view of remarriage (for the most part) being adultery. Or uncomfortable enough they are hesitant to go ahead.

What are these people supposed to do? Men and women with normal appetites and desires for life fellowship friendship physical needs desire to have a family etc. I'm not trying to be critical but I've heard ministers speak to the issue and it just seems to get passed over lightly.

I of course am married and don't have the problem but I know some close to me who do and I think would like to be rid of the problem. There is a solution!!!!

1 Cor.7/7-9 A gift of celibacy. Paul had it and apparently thought it would be good for everyone to have it.

Some time ago the Lord showed me a gift of celibacy. It is a supernatural gift that takes away all the normal needs God created us with and are met in marriage. It is a marvelous gift. I saw the gift inside a person. All the normal needs just going in a circle and being met inside the person themself. It was marvelous. A gift well worth having. The person was completely content just being alone. Just happy on their own with no sexual needs and not lonely. It is a marvelous gift.

If that is you . . .

- unmarried and no prospects for a mate.
- Uncomfortable with remarriage whether its your fault or not
- just simply single and don't want to marry but have all these feelings and needs

Then the answer is to seriously seek the Lord for a gift of celibacy. Paul thought it was well worth

having and everyone should be like him. I think it is a marvelous gift and if you need it ask for it. And keep on asking (seeking praying) until you get it