

THE SINGLE GATHERING

THE WONDERFUL ABILITY TO GATHER OTHER SINGLE PEOPLE

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OF THE SCATTERED ONE'S

As Singles, so many of us Tend to Scatter away from Other Singles. We also Tend to be So Very Independent.

We Understand This, Because We Are Sometimes 'stung' In Attempting To Build Friendship With Another Single. Yes, "Scattered Abroad" Is Often Typical Of The Single Lifestyle.

Let's Look More Closely At The Phrase 'SCATTERED ABROAD' (skorpizo—skor-pid'zo) This Word Corresponds To The Word scorpious -scor-pee'-ous and SCORPION—from it's 'Sting'.

Many Singles Have Been 'Put To Flight' By Being 'Pierced' By Something Hurtful In The Early Stages Of Single Friendship. Beyond This... Is 'skopos' skop-os' meaning to SCOPE Or To Peer About as A SKEPTIC. (A CONCEALMENT, SENTRY, A SCOUT).

In Matthew 12:30 and in Luke 11:23 JESUS Makes this Powerful Statement "He that is not with ME is Against ME; and that Gathereth Not with ME Scattereth abroad."

Now the first half of this Verse I have no trouble with; but this second half requires More Understanding. What Is JESUS Saying Here?

"Gathereth With ME" 'sunago' = "To Lead Together" that is, Collect or Convene; specifically to Entertain (hospitably), Accompany, Assemble (selves together), Bestow, Come Together, Gather (selves together, Gather up, together) Lead Into, Resort, Take In.

If we have been Single for any Length of Time, we probably have looked more at the Gatherings of Married Couples and their Families. Yes, That seems so normal, and it is.

But We Don't Spend As Much Time To Gather Other Singles Together. We, so often see ourselves (Singles) as A Scattered People; & as so, we are.

In this Month of Single Encouragement, I am Challenged, and therefore also Encourage My Single Friends to Make More Of An Effort TO GATHER OTHER SINGLES TOGETHER, WITH YOU.

Now, I realize that Singles are often to Individualistic To Want To Gather, but, at least make an effort to Extend Your Hands To Others. Reach Out And Touch Someone!

You can do that with a Smile, a Hi! a Spontaneous Phone call, an e-mail, or face book, and so on.

But don't just reach out to those you normally run with. Reach out to The Scattered Ones.

Build A Community Of Singles. A Family Of Singles. Ever Expanding To Include More Singles Into Your Company. Never Cliquish as in "a small exclusive group of friends".

Never Be Exclusive, And Never Close Off Your Circle Of Friends. To 'Close' This Circle Off, We Will Tend To Wear Each Other Out And Suffocate The Few Insiders.

The Beauty Of Ever Expanding And Adding New Friends, Is That Our Own Lives Are Being Enriched Friend By Friend.

Each One Of Us, By Extending Our Own Hands, Can Gather And Lead Other Singles Together.

As Singles, We Can Learn The Skill Of Hospitality By Simple Practice. The Truth Is We Must Give Ourselves To Hospitality. This is not just something that others, like Married Families, should do, But Even Singles Need To Entertain. (see Romans 12:13, 1 Timothy 3:2).

Yes! Even Being A Lover Of Hospi-

tal, And A Lover Of Goodness To Our Ever Expanding Circle Of Friends. (Titus 1:8).

Don't We See That Things Are Getting More Difficult For The Single? Or Do We Just 'Seal Our Self' OFF, From The World Of Other Singles In PAIN? WHEN WILL WE AWAKE TO OPEN OUR EYES TO OTHERS? Yes, We Must Wake Up While We Still Can, For...

"...The End Of All Things Is At Hand; Therefore Be Serious And Watchful In Your Prayers.

AND ABOVE ALL THINGS HAVE FERVENT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, For Love Will Cover A Multitude Of Sins. (Our material world is not that important that we should allow 'All Things' to Separate Us From Other Singles. So many Christian Singles Feel Like They Must Keep Separate From Their 'Human' Christian Brothers And Sisters, lest They encounter some small sin and be 'defiled' Because Their LOVE Is Not FERVENT ENOUGH To Cover It.)

In The Days That Are Coming, Even 'The Holy Ones' May Find Their Need For The Help And Friendship Of The Prodigal Ones. Perhaps We Shall Both Be 'Delivered' In This Gathering Process. (see Job 22:30).

But We, By Love Should "Be Hospitable To One Another Without Grumbling. And As Each One Has Received A Gift, Minister It To One Another, As Good Stewards Of The Manifold (Multi-Faceted) GRACE OF GOD." 1 Peter 4:7-13.

Why Not BESTOW? Confer or Present An Honor, Right, or Spiritual Gift Blessing Upon Another Single Human Being.

Why Not Be A RESORT, A Place Of Refuge For Other Singles? A Place Some Other Single May Go For Encouragement, Refreshment, Or Even Consolation. We May Be Their Last Resort. We Can Even Be A Place Of Beauty And Rest. Someone's Vacation From The World's Stress.

Some Singles Desperately Need To Be Completely Taken In... Entirely Freely Forgiven.

Broken Relationships Healed, Brings Back Springs Of Refreshing LIFE To All!

