

Loneliness And Its Cures

"Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul." Psalm 142:4 (ESV)

Genesis 2:18 - It's not _____ for people to be _____.

Why People Are Lonely

- A. Matthew 14:23 - Being _____ is not the same as being _____. Sometimes it's good to have _____ time.
- B. People are lonely for various reasons:
 - 1. Luke 15:16 - Some because of their _____.
 - 2. 2 Samuel 13:20 - Some because of the _____ of _____.
 - 3. Mark 1:40,41 - Some because of the _____ of _____.
 - 4. Luke 7:12,13 - Some because of _____.
 - 5. 1 Kings 9:10 - Some because they are _____ to the _____.
- C. Psalm 142:4 - If we believe that _____ one _____ for our _____, it can be debilitating. Loneliness is just a step away from _____.

God's Cures For Loneliness

- A. Practice Christian fellowship:
 - 1. Acts 2:42 - Christians should be _____ to fellowship. We are part of a _____.
 - 2. Romans 1:11,12 - Being with other Christians can result in _____.
- B. Extend Christian fellowship:
 - 1. James 1:27 - Some can't come to us, or don't have the _____. We must go to them.
 - 2. Matthew 25:36,40 - We are serving _____ when we serve those who are _____ or are in _____.
 - 3. Acts 20:35 - It is more _____ to give than to _____.
- C. Meditate on God's promises:
 - 1. Psalm 142:4,5 - Does no one _____ for us? God is always a _____.
 - 2. 2 Timothy 4:16,17 - The Lord _____ by Paul when all others had _____ him.
- D. The key is _____. Loneliness thrives when we are _____.

Psalm 23:4 - A great truth: "You are _____."

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