

*Living Single: A Candid Bible
Lesson on the Unique Issues
Facing Unmarried Christians*

A Two-Part Series

Genesis 2: 18

God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone".

- What do you think God was concerned about in terms of man being alone? Why do you think God felt that "it was not good" to be alone?
- In today's times, is it still *not good for man or woman to be alone*? Why or why not?

Today's Reality

- *More than 80 million single adults in the United States*
- *40 percent of the adult population is single*
- *10 percent of adults will never marry*
- *Society sends the message that if you are not married, your life must be incomplete and you have fallen short.*
- *The single Christian often finds themselves in a big dilemma...*

Big Questions for Single Christians....

- Where should I search for the ideal mate?
- When should I search?
- Should I search at all or allow God to send my mate to me?
- How can I meet new Christian single friends?
- What should I look for in a mate?
- If a potential mate is not a Christian what should I do?
- Time is running out... Should I settle for less than what I really want in a mate?

Six Issues Facing Unmarried Christians

- **Part I: This Week's Lesson**

The Role of Singles in the Church

- *Am I really ready for “the one”?*
- *Evaluating my past, present and future relationships.*

- **Part II: Next Week's Lesson**

- *Dealing with Loneliness*
- *Fornication*
- *Strategies in searching for companionship*

The Role of Singles in the Church

- I Corinthians 7: 1, 8
 - Why is Paul advocating for Christians to stay unmarried?
- I Corinthians 7: 32-35
 - Paul appears to be of the opinion that single Christians are undivided and thus more concerned about the Lord's Work. Is that true today?
 - What are some of the reasons why singles aren't as involved in the work of the Church as Paul thought they might be?

The Role of Singles in the Church

- I Corinthians 7: 25-31
 - Paul appears to be saying that there are bigger issues, and more important things than one's marital status. He says that *the world is passing away*.
 - Using Paul's teachings (and the Lord's expectations), what would you say should be the role of singles in the Church?

Evaluating Yourself...

Are you really ready for "*the one*"?

- Ephesians 5: 22-33
 - Are you really ready to be a husband or a wife to someone?
 - Men, are you really ready to love a woman as you love yourself?
 - Women, are you really ready to submit yourself to a man?

Are you really ready for “the one”?

The Role of a Spouse

Based upon your experience or the experience of married couples you know, describe what you think it’s really like to be a wife (and a mother). Describe what you think it’s really like to be a husband (and a father)...

The Big Question: Are you really ready to be married?

Where are you in your own life?

- *Spiritually*
- *Mentally*
- *Physically*
- *Educationally*
- *Financially*
- *Professionally*

Life Lesson: You can’t have a good relationship with someone else until you have a good relationship with yourself.

Key Questions

- If you were a member of the opposite sex, ***would you want to marry YOU?***
- If not, what do you need to work on to get yourself *ready* for your future mate?

Now is the time to work on YOU...

Evaluating Past, Present and Future Relationships

- *While we should move beyond focusing on the past, it is important to evaluate our past mistakes so that we don't repeat them...*
 - *Were there signs that I ignored that were indicators that the person wasn't right for me?*
 - *Did I stay in a bad relationship too long?*
 - *Was I being smart?*
 - *Did loved ones sense that the person I was with was not good for me?*

One Young Lady's Story...

About a year ago, I met a guy who was a couple of years younger than me, so I was a little reluctant about our being in a relationship. But that didn't stop me from sleeping with him within a week of meeting. He told me in the beginning that He didn't want a relationship and that he's too young to settle down. I found myself falling for him, and then he left me without any warning or any answers. He just left. I hated him for it and was enraged with anger. Somehow I got over it. After six months without a word from him, he called and said how sorry he was and that he wanted us to be friends. I agreed because I really wanted him in my life. Then he dropped out of my life again. I can't get him off my mind. I can't sleep...I can't eat, but if he called me back, I would fall right back into it. How do I let him go?

*What mistakes did this young lady make?
Where did she go wrong? Did she bring
this situation on herself by making poor
choices?*

The Men Give Advice...

*10 Signs that
He's Just Not That Into You...*

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***Our brothers reveal the secrets to identifying a
man who is not serious about you.***

- If you don't get much of his time
- If you haven't spent time with his close friends and family
- If you haven't met his mother
- If he doesn't want to spend money on you
- If the date starts after midnight
- If he says, "I don't want a serious relationship"
- If he doesn't answer his cell phone when you call
- If he doesn't want to work and earn money to contribute
- If you get excuses from him all the time
- If you don't know where he lives...

Evaluating the Past and the
Present will prepare you
for the Future...

*Once you understand past mistakes
and evaluate what you really want in a
relationship, you then have the power
to make better decisions in the future.*