

## **“What the Bible Says about Singleness”**

### **Selected Scriptures**

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*Myths about singleness and marriage:*

- A. If you are single, there must be something wrong with you.
- B. You should live together first before you get married.
- C. You need lots of money and a career before marriage.
- D. Compatibility is priority number one.
- E. You can date an unbeliever and evangelize him or her.
- F. Being single/celebrate is more spiritual than being married.

### **1. It is not good for man to be alone.**

*“The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him’ ”  
(Genesis 2:18)*

*“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD” (Proverbs 18:22)*

### **2. Parents should biblically prepare their children for marriage.**

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6; Genesis 24; Ephesians 6:4)*

### **3. Determine if you have the gift of singleness.**

*“if they do not have self-control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion” (1 Corinthians 7:9)*

**4. If you desire marriage, then:**

- A. Pray specifically (Psalm 37:4)
- B. Solicit help (2 Chronicles 10:8;) Proverbs 12:15)
- C. Be in God's will first (Matthew 6:33)
- D. Stay pure (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)
- E. Be content now (Philippians 4:11)
- F. Be patient (Psalm 37:7,9)
- G. Practice now—service and submission (1 Peter 3)
- H. Prepare now—learn from godly couples (Titus 2:2-6)
- I. Enjoy your freedom while you can  
(1 Corinthians 7:33-34)
- J. Maximize your service to God  
(1 Corinthians 7:32)

**5. Cultivate a realistic view of marriage.**

- A. It is only for this life (1 Corinthians 7:31)
- B. It will not provide ultimate fulfillment (Luke 14:26)
- C. It is difficult and has unique trials  
"If you should marry...you have trouble in this life"  
(1 Corinthians 7:28)
- D. It is for life (Matthew 19:6)
- E. Maintain sober expectations (Romans 12:3)
- F. You will marry a sinner (James 4:8)

Recommended Reading:

*Right Thinking*, John MacArthur, Rick Holland  
*What He Must Be...If He Wants to Marry My Daughter*,  
Voddie Baucham  
*Preparing for Marriage God's Way*, Wayne Mack  
*Passion and Purity*, Elisabeth Elliot  
*Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free*,  
Nancy Leigh DeMoss  
*Becoming a Woman Who Pleases God*, Pat Ennis  
*I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, Joshua Harris