

FLOURISH IN SINGLENESS

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“Be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:21b-22

The Do's and Don'ts of Being Single

Do's

Be a woman of honor, sanctified and useful for Jesus. (2 Timothy 2:21-22)

But how?

Encourage others, treating them well.

Get involved in a ministry of interest — you will gain friends, fellowship, and minister to others.

Meet someone for coffee/tea and pray weekly.

Smile at someone each day (your heart will smile).

Use gifts God gave you — if uncertain, ask God.

Choose wisely how to spend your time.

Be a woman of prayer, showing grace and mercy.

Have more patience in difficult situations.

Be faithful.

Choose your friends carefully.

Have fun in life — plan or spur of the moment.

Be adventurous — try new things! Biking, hiking, a new sport, make pottery, etc. — no time to be lonely.

Don'ts

Be prideful, unloving, unforgiving, disobedient to the Lord, be without self-control, deny Jesus, seek pleasure from the world, believe lies of Satan, make fun of good, choose temptation, downplay truth, wallow in dissatisfaction (poor-me syndrome), love people/career/anything above Jesus, be foolish, argumentative, be in a compromising situation, blame others, doubt, be deceived, isolate yourself.

But how?

Die to self, and what you do, do heartily to the Lord.

Meditate on what is true, noble, just, pure, and lovely. (Philippians 4:8)

Memorize passage of scripture with a friend.

Start a prayer group — pray for specifics.

Embrace where you are today.

Be willing to step out of your comfort zone.

Obey what God has asked of you — you will find peace and joy and fulfillment.

Give your whole heart and mind to Him.

Be accountable to a friend.

Prepare yourself to be that woman of God.

Take every opportunity Jesus puts before you.

Have 'no regrets' in this season of your life.

“But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.”

I Corinthians 7:17

“But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment—and I think I also have the Spirit of God.”

I Corinthians 7:40

“The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

Proverbs 12:26

“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Colossians 4:5-6

“Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.”

I Corinthians 7:20

“But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.”

I Corinthians 7:32

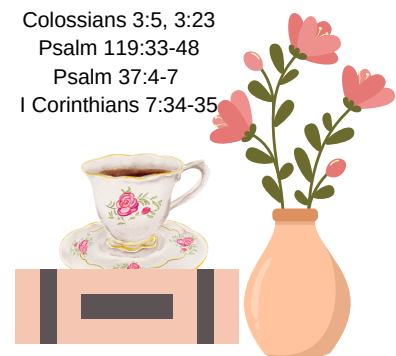
Other verses to reflect on:

Colossians 3:5, 3:23

Psalm 119:33-48

Psalm 37:4-7

I Corinthians 7:34-35



10 THINGS TO DO WHILE I'M SINGLE — OH WAIT, THERE'S 20+! NO REGRETS.

Embrace being single, and enjoy the time.

First get to know God in a personal way — reading His word, praying, and listening to His voice.

Attend a Bible study.

Volunteer in your community.

Listen to podcasts.

Declutter your mind.

Do what needs to be done about an issue.

Go take a walk at the beach or through a garden, enjoying God's creation.

Try writing a poem.

Do something meaningful for someone else.

Care for someone who is sick.

Write a note to encourage people in your life.

Take up a new sport.

Learn to draw.

Grocery shop for someone else.

Read a book — either new or one you've had.

Have friends over for game night.

Learn a new language, maybe with a friend.

Try learning a new skill — sewing, crocheting, etc.

Create some memories.

Start journaling.

Reach out to family and friends.

Try a new recipe.

Travel — by bike, horse, bus, train, car, or plane.

Have a dinner party—get creative.

Do something that puts a smile on your face.

SINGLE WOMEN IN THE BIBLE THAT WE CAN GLEAN FROM

Ruth - Book of Ruth

Esther - Book of Esther

Rahab - Joshua 2, 6

Miriam - Exodus 2, 15, Numbers 12, 20

Zelophehad's Daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Micah, Tarzan - Numbers 27, 36

Widow of Zarephath - 1 Kings 17

Anna - Luke 2

Mary Magdalene - all 4 gospels: Matthew 27-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 8, 24 and John 19-20

Woman at the Well - John 4

Martha and Mary of Bethany - Luke 10, John 11-12

Lydia - Acts 16

Dorcas (Tabitha) - Acts 9

MODERN EXAMPLES OF WOMEN TO GLEAN FROM

Amy Carmichael

Corrie Ten Boom

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments. I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments. I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!"
Psalm 119:1-8

**I leave you with this important question -
How do you want people to remember you?**

