



"Single Christian"

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TYPES OF SINGLE ADULTS

- Those single by CREATION .

"I wish everyone could get along without marrying, just as I do. But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of marriage, but to others He gives the gift of singleness."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:7 | NLT

- Those single by CIRCUMSTANCE .

"But if the unbeliever (spouse) leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:15 | NIV

- Those single by CHOICE .

"... some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven."

MATTHEW 19:12 | NLT

- Those single for a REASON .

"... not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4 | NIV

SINGLE HAPPINESS

1

EMBRACE your singleness.

"I've learned to be content in whatever situation I'm in ... I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."

PHILIPPIANS 4:11, 13 | GW

"He sent this message to us in Babylon: It will be a long time. Therefore build houses and settle down and plant gardens."

JEREMIAH 29:28 | NIV

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

PSALM 118:24 | NIV

- Contentment: "I'm not waiting for the situation to change in order to be happy."

2

ACCEPT God's standard.

"God wants you to live a pure life. So keep yourself from sexual promiscuity."

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3 | MSG

"Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body."

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18 | NLT

- **God's Standard: Sex is for**

MARRIAGE **ONLY**.

"Don't use your body for sexual sin like the people who do not know God. The person who refuses to obey this is disobeying God, not simply a human teaching."

1 THESSALONIANS 4:5, 8 | NCV

"... God will judge all the sexually immoral."

HEBREWS 13:4 | NIV

"You are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a Christian yet indulges in sexual sin ... Don't even eat with such people."

1 CORINTHIANS 5:11 | NLT

- **God's Standard for a Mate if You are a Christian**

a. The potential mate **must** be a **CHRISTIAN** .

b. The potential mate **must** have **LIFE**

PURPOSE compatibility.

c. The potential mate **should** have **PERSONALITY**

compatibility.

- **The Reward for living God's Standard:**

"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for His purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."

2 TIMOTHY 2:21 | NLT

3

DEVELOP

Godly relationships.

"It is not good for man to be alone."

GENESIS 2:18 | NIV

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, you can have true love for your Christian brothers and sisters. So love each other deeply with all your heart."

1 PETER 1:22 | NCV

4

ENJOY

your freedom.

"When you're unmarried, you're free to concentrate on simply pleasing the Master. Marriage involves ... so many more demands on your attention. The time and energy that married people spend on caring for and nurturing each other, the unmarried can spend in becoming whole and holy instruments of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-34 | MSG

"Don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do ... Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

GALATIANS 5:13 | MSG

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GW = GOD'S WORD, MSG = THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION,
NCV = NEW CENTURY VERSION.

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Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** We tend to look around and feel it's "greener" on the other side. **How can you embrace the "season" God may have you in and flourish?**
- 3** **If you are single, are you using your time wisely to serve others and God?**
- 4** Pastor Jeremy spoke about standards for a Christian mate. Read those standards in your notes to the group and share your thoughts on why God implemented these standards and what they can save you from.
- 5** **How can we be praying for you this week?**