

# Singles & Single Motherhood

What are You Looking For?

**Premise:** Every single person wants to have someone to share their life with. As believers, children of God, we should place great value in finding someone who has the same beliefs and who also will be a great husband and father. This person should be able to lead, instruct, and provide for his family or he simply isn't the man God has chosen for you.

## What are you looking for?

### Companionship

If you are looking for companionship then you will wait,

### Physical Satisfaction

If you are looking for physical release then you will give yourself to anyone who shows even a little bit of interest in you. Your value far exceeds physical attraction and needs, it is worth waiting for God's man so that your life will be full in every aspect.

## Criteria for Finding a Godly Companion/Spouse

#1 Must be a Believer

#2 Must understand God's covenant for Marriage

#3 Must desire to live a Pure & Holy life

#4 Must Work and Place a high priority on Providing for his family

#5 Must live an honorable life

#6 Must walk in peace and unity with all men

2 Corinthians 6:14 – **Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.** For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? NIV

Gen 2:24 – For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they **will become one flesh.** NIV

1 Thess 4:3-8 – It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should **avoid sexual immorality**; that each of you should learn to **control his own body** in a way that is holy and honorable, **not in passionate lust** like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For **God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.** Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. NIV

2 Thess 3:10 – For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "**If a man will not work, he shall not eat.**" NIV

Prov 20:7 – The righteous man **leads a blameless life**; blessed are his children after him. NIV

Col 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as **members of one body you were called to peace**. And be thankful. NIV

## **While you are waiting!**

### **Singles**

Give yourself whole-heartedly to God for His purpose and plan. Allow Him to form and shape you as a woman. Allow the Holy Spirit to deal with every wound, every issue of your heart. Make sure you are ready to be a wife and mother, before you commit. This is an important time in the life of a woman and if she can become satisfied with a life committed to God, then she will be the best wife to her husband and mother to her children.

### **Single Mothers**

#### **Remember...**

#### God's Divine Plan for Single-Motherhood

**God becomes a father to the children and husband to the mother** in families where the earthly father is absent. The mother takes the position of head of household and assumes the responsibilities of the earthly father.

God takes particular interest in those who have been abandoned. He says that His cause is for the fatherless and widow, and He is near to them. If the mother will stay close to God, He will be a husband to her and provide for her in every way (Isaiah 54).

### **Pray for God's Plan**

Prayer is the most important part of a believers life. It's our communication with God that draws us into close fellowship with Him and therefore strengthens our life with others. While we are single, prayer is important part of our life to prepare us for a relationship. Ask God for what you desire and when the time is right you will have it!

## **Let's make a List!**

Read the following "**Qualities of a Godly Spouse,**" make a list of the qualities you desire in a godly spouse, then start asking God to provide it. He will!

## Qualities of a Godly Spouse

Many times single women look for godly spouses, rather than getting settled with Christ and establishing a firm foundation in who they are in Him. The following questions should be seriously considered before making any kind of commitment to a man, whether short term or long.

1. Is he a Christian? Is he serving God? Attending church?  
*The only serious commitment considerations should be with a man who loves Jesus more than you do, serves God faithfully, and attends church on a regular basis.*
2. Does he have an honest job? How long has he had it?  
*Stability is the name of the game when you are considering someone to spend the rest of your life with. If he expects you to support him, he is out of balance with God and the relationship will never be what you desire it to be.*
3. What does he spend most of his money on?  
*Where his treasure is (or money spent), that is where his heart is also! Luke 12:34*
4. Is he self-sufficient, living on his own, or still living with his parents?  
*If he is not even able to take care of himself, how do you expect him to take care of you / your children.*
5. How does he treat you?  
*Ephesians 5:25 and Colossians 3:19, God commands husbands to treat their wives with love and to not treat them bitterly. Remember the benchmarks of love.... 1 Corinthians 13.*
6. How does he treat your children?  
*If he treats your children as his own and wins their hearts through kindness and gentleness, then he is worthy of your love.*
7. How does he interact with his own family?  
*This is great wisdom, watch how a man treats his own mother for then you will know how he will treat you.*
8. What are his life goals? Do they line up with yours?  
*It is vital that your dreams and desires line up in the major areas of your life. If they don't you will constantly be at odds with one another and you will always feel like you lost something because you couldn't fulfill what God put in your heart.*
9. What does he think his responsibilities should be as a husband and/or father?  
*This is important information you need to know. If his understanding of his role as husband and father do not line up with God's Word, you cannot teach him these things. It's better off to let him go and wait for God's chosen one to come.*
10. Is he self-centered, or other-centered?  
*Men who are more concerns with the needs of others will be more concerned with your needs than his own. You will have to help him balance this, but it is a indication that he will be a good husband to you and your children.*

# My Personal List of the Qualities of a Godly Spouse

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# Now Let's Start praying

## How will I know?

- #1 There will be a confirmation of the Spirit
- #2 Time will uncover him as you watch his actions

## Important Advice while you Wait

- #3 Don't assume every man that shows up is him
- #4 Don't look for him through a dating service
- #5 Guard your heart and keep it for the Lord

**Mark this date and wait upon the Lord. When your desire is fulfilled rejoice in the Lord!**

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