



46.4% of U.S. adults are single (U.S. Census Bureau).

"For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it." Matthew 19:12 (NASB)

Some Are Single by Nature
Some Are Single by Circumstance
Some Are Single by Choice

Singleness Affirmed in Scripture

Singleness in Times of Persecution

Early Church View on Celibacy

Council of Paphlogonia (AD 345)

Marriage Ranked Below Celibacy

How Reformation Elevated Marriage:

- **Marriage as a Divine Institution**
- **Rejection of Clerical Celibacy**
- **Marriage as a Calling**
- **Companionship and Mutual Support**
- **Critique of Forced Celibacy**
- **Marriage and the Priesthood of All Believers**

Seven Practical Steps on Discerning if They Are The One:

1. Predecide to Choose from Your Spiritual Family.

*And I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but **you shall go to my country and to my family**, and take a wife for my son Isaac." Genesis 24:3-4*

*This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, '**Let them marry whom they think best**, but they may **marry only within the family of their father's tribe.**' Numbers 36:6*

*A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, **she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.** 1 Corinthians 7:39*



Can **two walk together**, unless they are **agreed**? Amos 3:3 Amos 3:3

You can fall in love with anyone but you will not walk in love unless you agree.

2. While Waiting, Seek the Well - Not the Spiritual Wilderness!

The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. Genesis 24:7

God's providence occurs at God's place.

Don't waste your waiting period by going to clubs; go to the well instead.

Rebekah and Isaac (Gen 24): Abraham's servant met Rebekah at a well.

Rachel and Jacob (Gen 29): Jacob met Rachel at a well.

Moses and Zipporah (Ex 2): They met at a well.

3. Pray About Your Prospects While You're in the Process of Waiting!

Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. Genesis 24:12

Desperation clouds your **discernment**, making you unable to see the difference between **Satan's** bait and God's blessing.

When you're impatient and lonely, you **tend** to make impulsive decisions that result in the **birthing of Ishmael** instead of **waiting** for God to bring about Isaac.

If you don't wait on God to bring the right person, you **might** end up **waiting** on God to fix the wrong person.

God is writing your love story; don't steal His pen.

4. Please Pay Attention to the Signs.

Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master." Genesis 24:14

Be aware of the important signs:

- How do they treat others, especially their family and friends?
- How do they behave in different settings—public and private?
- What kind of content do they consume on social media?
- Who influences them?
- Do you agree with them doctrinally?
- Are their friends mature and respectable?



- Do your close friends and family approve of them?
- Do you have peace about them?
- Can you trust them?

5. Stay Pure in the Dating Process.

And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. Genesis 24:12

Cohabitation is not a test of love; it is a sin of fornication.

From the beginning, being naked was reserved for a man and his wife. (Gen 2:24-25)

6. Meet the Family Before Making a Decision.

*And said, "Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please, is there room in your father's house for us to lodge?" **Genesis 24:23***

7. Don't drag your feet.

*And he said to them, "Do not hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master." **Genesis 24:56***