

Are you single, dating, and ready for marriage?

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Being Single

Being single is not a curse!!

You are not born attached to anyone!!

There is a stage where one desires to have someone to be with, an intimate partner!

- This intimate partner must be heterosexual
 - Cannot be of the same sex

There are guidelines on how to live as a single person.

Brother Chad is already dealing with the marriage part

- But I can tell you, the married have a lot to deal with than the single, IT IS A LOT.
- BE GLAD YOU HAVE US, BEFORE YOU GET MARRIED, SOME OF US HAD NO ONE TO PREPARE US

SINGLENESS: 1 Corinthians 7:1-2, 32-35

¹ Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

³² But I want you to be without care. <u>He who is unmarried cares for the things of the</u> <u>Lord—how he may please the Lord.</u>³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife.

³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. **The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit.** But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.

³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and **that you may serve the Lord without distraction**.

SINGLENESS

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- Sexually: DO NOT COMMIT FORNICATION !!!
- ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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- In mind
- ¹² Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, **in purity**. 1 Timothy 4:12
- There is a difference between "purity" and "virginity"
- You can be an impure virgin
- Virginity does not only apply to FEMALES, MALES ARE also TO BE virgins.

PURITY vs VIRGINITY

When many people today talk about protecting one's purity, they often confuse "purity" with "virginity."

In many cases, one may still be technically a virgin, but has compromised their body, mind, and heart to maintain that physical virginity. Purity extends beyond abstaining from sexual intercourse; it is a lifestyle. It represents an everyday mode of being. Purity is not merely a choice; it is a directive from God. All physical intimacy between a man and a woman was created by God.

Physical intimacy such as holding hands, touching, and sex—is natural. It is also normal to be stimulated or aroused by the sights, sounds, touch, or even smells of one another. This is why living purely can be challenging; it often feels like a constant struggle against our natural desires.

However, we must STAY PURE

STAY PURE. DO NOT LUST. IT IS DOABLE

NASB 95 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?

NIV "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.

NLT "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.

BSB "I have made a covenant with my eyes. How then could I gaze with desire at a virgin?

CONSIDER THE WORDS OF JESUS IN MARK

⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— Mark 9:43

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— Mark 9:47