

It's Complicated Part 4: The Single Life

*"They knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, **their minds became dark and confused.** Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools... **They traded the truth about God for a lie.**"*
Romans 1:21-25 NLT

✓ **"Single" Status**

✓ **Defining Dating**

✓ **Social Space**

✓ **Hurt & Hesitation**

*"But I wish everyone were **single**, just as I am. Yet each person has a **special gift** from God, of one kind or another." 1 Corinthians 7:7 NIV*

*"I want you to live as **free of complications** as possible. When you're unmarried, you're free to concentrate on simply **pleasing the Master**. Marriage involves you in all the nuts and bolts of domestic life and in wanting to please your spouse, leading to 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. I'm trying to be helpful and make it as easy as possible for you, not make things harder." 1 Corinthians 7:32-34 MSG*

1. "Free of Complications" – Single and **Simple**

*"There is a time for everything, and a **season** for every activity under the heavens."*
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

2. "Pleasing the Master" – Single and **Seeking**

*"But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 NIV*

*"The LORD is my shepherd, **I lack nothing.**" Psalm 23:1 NIV*

3. "Time and Energy" – Single and Serving

*"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; **planted in the house of the Lord**, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still **bear fruit** in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." Psalm 92:12-15 NIV*

4. "Whole and Holy" – Single and Secure

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who **builds a house on solid rock**. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is **built on bedrock**." Matthew 7:24-25 NLT*

"If you try to build intimacy with another person before you have gotten whole on your own, all your relationships become an attempt to complete yourself." – Dr. Les Parrott