

# FINDING THE Right One

# WHILE ARE You Alone

God's purpose for dating is to bring two people together in marriage. Therefore, it honors God to only date someone who knows Him and could be a potential spouse.

## How can I know the one God has for me?

Seek a spouse who desires to be a man or woman after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) and who is growing spiritually. He or she should exhibit godly characteristics and be sowing seeds of righteousness (Galatians 5:22-23; 6:7-8). Show an interest in someone who fears the Lord and is wise (Proverbs 9:10), is humble (Proverbs 15:33), works hard (Proverbs 12:11), is kind and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32) and is a good listener (James 1:19).

A good husband will be the head of the household and will take the lead in spiritual things. He will strive to cherish his wife as Christ does the Church and love his wife as he loves himself (Ephesians 5:23, 25, 28).

A wife will respect her husband and his responsibility to God and be a helper to him. She will strive to practice a gentle and quiet spirit (Genesis 2:18, 1 Peter 3:1-6, Ephesians 5:22, 33b).

While you wait for God's choice for you, develop your own relationship with Jesus and cultivate the characteristics that would make you a good spouse (Matthew 6:33). The best preparation for being a godly spouse is to be a godly single person.

1. Remember that God made you in His image and for His glory. He loves you with an infinite love (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 139:13-17, Isaiah 43:7, John 3:16-17).
2. Remember that God will never leave you (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Hebrews 13:5b).
3. Be content with what you have (Hebrews 13:5a, Philippians 4:11).
4. Forgive those who may have hurt you in previous relationships (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13).
5. Seek to make things right with anyone you have hurt (Matthew 5:23-24, 7:3-5).
6. Focus your thoughts on good things (Philippians 4:8).
7. In everything give thanks (Colossians 3:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

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