

SINGLE ALLIANCE

MISTAKES SINGLES MAKE- MISTAKE OF NOT GETTING A LIFE

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I. Introduction: Thou shalt get a life- The 11 commandment just for singles

A. Many singles are like an airplane that is constantly circling but never landing. Their life is on hold until they get married.

B. Many singles feel their purpose and job as singles is to find a mate and get married. Humans and especially Christians are not like animals which purpose is to find a mate and reproduce. We are put on this Earth to fulfill his purpose for his kingdom. We are specifically made for a unique purpose which we all need to discover and be busy fulfilling.

C. [**Gen. 1:26-27**]- Our highest purpose that animals do not share as Christians is to bear His likeness by bearing His Spiritual fruit. [**Romans 8:29**] We are in union with the Lord. Our purpose is to be a help-meet the Lord and help fulfill His calling as Lord over the Earth. We are co-laborers with the Lord. [**1 Cor. 3:9**]

D. First and foremost we need to get a spiritual life!

II. Men

A. [**Gen. 2:15**]- God made Adam and gave him a job and purpose before he gave them a mate. Men you need to get a job.

B. God gave Adam His job. Christian men need to work at the job that **the Lord has given them**. If you pick your own job then it will be unfulfilling. We need to find God's line of work he has for us.

1. You might need to change lines of work to do this. But do not quit your job before you find another one!

2. You might need to go back to school in the area that God has for you. God will provide if it is His calling.

3. To find your calling check up on your inward desires, gifts and talents, and interests.

C. His job was to tend and keep the garden. The word “tend” means to work. Men need to learn how to work and to work hard at their job.

D. He also was called to “keep” the garden. This word means to protect. This word gives implications that there are enemies to your calling. The three areas in which you need to guard and protect is your authority, money, and sexual desire. These three areas are the arenas you will be attacked in order to take your garden from you. Your spiritual life will be key in protecting what God has given you.

E. God made the man to work in the field. That is why we are tougher than the female. We were made to get dirty!

F. [**Prov 24:27**] God’s wisdom is that a man needs to establish his work and calling before he gets married. He needs to establish his work before he builds his house [gets married and has kids]

G. [**Gen. 24:63**]- Isaac meditated in the field and looked up and His wife came over the hill. Isaac was not pre-occupied on getting a wife. He was meditating on the Lord and praying over his line of work. He was meditating in his field!

1. [**Proverbs 18:16**]- A man’s gift will bring them before the great. Your wife is one of those greats your gift will bring you before!

H. Men need to prepare financially before marrying.

III. Women

- A. [**Gen. 2:18**] God created Eve to be a help meet for Adam. She was to support him in his work and to nurture him and the children.

- B. Many women find it frustrating that they were created to help and nurture a husband and children when they have neither. Women can and do work outside the home, especially in the day we live in, but this does not remove their calling and role of nurturer. When they do marry and have kids they nurture the husband and the kids even though they may work outside of the home. A single man can still go out and have a fulfilling job. Many single women feel a void that they cannot seemingly fulfill their role of nurturer because they are not married and do not have children.

- C. Single women can still fulfill their nurturing call by first nurturing their relationship with God.
 - 1. [**Esther 2:12**]- A season of beautification- Myrrh and perfumes

 - 2. [**Gen. 24:16**]- Rebekah went to the well and had her pitcher full of water and was quick to give it out to someone in need. A well speaks of one's spiritual life. A well speaks of life. She spent time at the well and had her pitcher full and was ready to give it out. She nurtured this man and his animals. Single women need to spend time at the well of God and have themselves filled with water to give out and nurture others- to give of themselves and time to others.

- D. Single women are called to be help meets for their husbands. This means God will give you similar interests and leadings as your future husband has. Follow your interests and do not be afraid of following those fully. This will accentuate your marriage and not hurt it!