

Trusting God for a Life Mate

I. God's Promises

A. Proverbs 3:5-6

B. Matthew 6:33

II. Singleness: Bitter or Better?

Changing from single and *miserable*... to single and *worthy*

1 Cor. 7:7, 27

A. The Benefits of Being Single

1. One can develop a healthy level of security and responsibility and independence
2. One can learn the importance of depending on God
3. You will have opportunities to establish your identity
4. You will have more time to "make a difference for eternity" as you radically serve God

III. The Mystery of the Number "TWO": Marriage

A. God's Design

1. Genesis 2:18-23

2. Genesis 2:24-25

a. Leave → _____ (parents)

b. Cleave to (be united) → _____ (mate)

c. One flesh → _____ (spiritual intimacy/physical)

d. Naked and not ashamed → _____
(intimacy/comfortable being known)

B. Three Great Principles for Choosing a Mate

1. Spiritual Oneness

(not only a Christian, but walking in the same direction; strong relationship with God; same spiritual goals otherwise will be unequally yoked—even as believers)

2. Vocational Agreement

(your calling—can they become one?)

3. Personality Blending

(do you get along?, can you communicate? Play? Work together?)