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***Singles***  
***Finding a Godly Mate***

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# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## *Lesson 1 If You Want to Get Married – Say It*

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### **Introduction**

- *Story of married couple's reaction to Singles Course*
- Statistically we are very soon going to be at a place where 50% of all adults are single
- The Word of God gives strong, clear direction
- You can find your Godly mate **quickly** and **easily**
- If you say, "I want to be married to a fantastic person", if you do the things God has called you to do, you can have that inside of two years, **easily**
- *Example of person waiting around to get a good job*

### **Outline of First Three Subjects**

1. If you want to get married, \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. Simple point on "Perhaps God has called me to be single for the rest of my life".  
About 1% of the people are called to singleness. How do they know they're called to singleness? They're \_\_\_\_\_ and they have \_\_\_\_\_ at all to get married.
  - b. **Most** people that have no desire to get married have no desire out of anger, fear, or pain. That's not a call to singleness, that's just woundings and garbage and hiding.
  - c. However, if you **want** to get married, you're \_\_\_\_\_ to get married.
  - d. A calling to singleness is a rare exception, whereas the norm is the call to be married.
  - e. *Story of meeting with Bishop Garlington*
  - f. Grace is \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 37:4).
  - g. If you have a desire to be married, you're called to be married! It doesn't mean you have to get married right away, but it does mean you have to **prepare**.
  - h. **Scriptures**
    - i. James 4:2
    - ii. I Corinthians 7:2
    - iii. Genesis 2:18
    - iv. Hebrews 13:4



Notes

2. Learn how to **recognize** a \_\_\_\_\_.

  - a. If you don't know what a healthy soul is, you'll never become one yourself, and you'll never recognize it in someone else.
  - b. I'm about to give you the clearest definition of a healthy soul. Everything God did in Abraham, David, and Moses was to bring them to this place of health in the soul.
  - c. Most people are not close to healthy. That's okay. It's the process itself that's so wonderful, but you'll never get there if you don't know what healthy is.
  - d. **A Healthy Soul Is** – in any point of tension, disagreement, or misunderstanding, a healthy soul always wants to sit down and talk face to face. There's three adjectives that define sitting down and talking. Very few people put all three together at one time. Three adjectives: honestly, humbly, calmly.
  - e. Many people want to do one of these three, but not all three. You have dynamics of reactions, sin patterns of control, fear, passivity, etc that screw you up and keep you from simply being healthy.
  - f. A healthy soul is a soul that, all the time, in every point of tension, says, "Let's sit and talk."
  - g. *Example of how a healthy soul talks through issues*
  - h. We don't do that, because we have certain decisions we've made before we sit down. "This has to be this way". "You will agree that this is a minor sin or a major sin". It's all about value systems.
  - i. *Example of what the D, I, S, and C values*
  - j. You can't make anything happen in another person's soul.
  - k. 100% of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. Let me define this: every time you disagree, you are both equally being stupid. 100% equal. You are always equally to blame. Everytime we disagree, we both have equal repenting to do.
    - i. Win-win negotiations in a marriage is the clearest \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever hear.
    - ii. Win-win negotiations in a marriage is the clearest \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever have.
    - iii. Win-win negotiations in a marriage is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever taste.
  - l. All of your marriage strife is because one or both are not willing.
  - m. *Example of a healthy couple*
  - n. This approach of 100% calm, humble, and honest and win-win negotiation is the **opposite** of anger, fear, people pleasing, control, manipulation, hinting, trying to make them do it, pride, passivity, etc.
  - o. So many times in dating people avoid the straight up talks.
  - p. When do boundaries get established, early or late? Early.
  - q. *Examples of first few dates (church, courses, etc)*

- r. The best talk is before the problem comes – that attitude attracts the good ones and repels the bad ones.
- s. **James 3:17** – *But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.*



## Notes

- i. Pure – in win-win situations you will never do something evil, but most things are not evil, they are value-weighted arguments. We say, “I dated you because you were different from me, and now that we’re married I want you to be just like me”.
  - ii. Impartial – who are you not impartial to? Yourself!
  - t. *Summation of what a healthy soul looks like*
3. Who really \_\_\_\_\_ you?
- a. The reason people make stupid decisions in marriage is because they do get married to people they don’t know.
  - b. The best way to know a person quickly is to sit down and talk face to face. The second best way is to look at the people they have known well for five to ten years. You find people that no one has known them well for five to ten years because they don’t stay anywhere with anybody.
  - c. *Examples of people who say no one understands them*
  - d. Longevity – you want a long marriage, right? Check out the longevity in their life. Find out how long they’ve been in the church, in their job, in their friendships.
  - e. If you’re single, find \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. **2 Corinthians 3:2** – how do you know if the pastor is a sham? Easy – get to know my wife, kids, and friends. You can fool people from a distance, but if you get to know my wife and kids you get to know me.
  - g. If you want to get married, the first thing you do is find \_\_\_\_\_ who have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - h. If you’re single you have two to five times the need to be faithful in a home group.
  - i. Always choose **two** couples; it’s safer.
  - j. Say to these couples, “I’m asking you to make a trade. I will open myself up to you. In return, I will walk with you to where you can **recommend** me as a wife.”
  - k. The Internet is a fantastic way to find Christian mates. Start looking. It’s no problem to look for a mate if your first date’s in church, your next two dates are double-dating with your two best friends, and then 50% of the dates after that are studying the Word together. You can’t get hurt! Find your teammates!
  - l. If you’re single and you want to be married, God has a fantastic mate waiting for you to go out and get them! So go get them!

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## Lesson 1 If You Want to Get Married – Say It

### Discussion Questions

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1. Describe in your own words your personal desires for marriage (example: declare your desire to get married, describe how strong your desire for marriage is, how quickly you would like to be married, etc).

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2. What is your reaction to the statement that you can be married inside of two years if you do the things God has called you to do?

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3. Based on this teaching, describe how healthy your soul is. What areas do you need to work on the most?

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4. What partners do you currently have or could you potentially have to help you in your pursuit of finding a Godly mate?

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#### **Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> Say it <sup>2</sup> healthy <sup>3</sup> no desire <sup>4</sup> called <sup>5</sup> joy inside you <sup>6</sup> healthy soul <sup>7</sup> win-win negotiations <sup>8</sup> voice of God <sup>9</sup> picture of your own soul <sup>10</sup> blessing of God <sup>11</sup> knows <sup>12</sup> teammates <sup>13</sup> two healthy couples <sup>14</sup> great marriages

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## *Lesson 2 How Can The Church Help?*

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### Scriptures

- **2 Timothy 3:1-6** – a description of the last days and the end times. 2 Timothy 3 says you'll know you're in the end times because all societal norms will be thrown out the window.
  - All societies in the past will look down at our society. If their society was a normal physical healthy body, our society will be as someone who's dying of AIDS with their entire body covered in sores. They will say, "How can a whole society be so diseased?"
  - This passage is a description of the prospects you have in the dating relationship. The root of all this is utter \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Next week we will deal with sex outside of marriage, the dynamic of trust, the worldly concept of dating, etc.
  - In the first sermon I said it was a great idea to look for prospective dates on the Internet. Many were shocked and horrified and said it was unsafe. I've got news for you – there are no safe situations left. One of the **least** safe situations is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Bible says that in the last days these wolves will have a form of religion and be pious. 75% – 80% of the women in this church have been molested and 25 – 30% forcibly raped. Most of those cases were **friends** or **relatives**.
  - If you want to separate the false from the true, bring them into the **power** of God.
  - The deal is not, "Is there a safe place to meet people?", the deal is, "Do you have a team and a plan that will keep you safe no matter who you're dating?"
  - Notice the word "silly" in verse 6; we're going to talk about shallow, silly, surface-y souls that are easy to captivate.
- **Matthew 24:12**
  - Jesus' disciples asked what the end times would look like, and Jesus answered, "Sin will be **rampant everywhere**".
  - *Explanation of why John doesn't mind being a pastor in this day and age*
  - The people you are dating don't even know how to love anymore.
  - Love is \_\_\_\_\_. It has nothing to do with emotions. Love is doing what blesses, protects, and serves this person. People have forgotten this!

## Expansion of Two Main Theses

*Thesis # 1 – If you want to get married, you’ve got to be able to be a healthy soul and learn how to recognize a healthy soul.*

**Definition of a Healthy Soul** – in any point of tension, disagreement, or misunderstanding, a healthy soul always wants to sit down and talk face to face calmly, humbly, and honestly.

### Three Word Phrase

\_\_\_\_\_ !

- ✓ *Why are you not healthy?* Is it manipulation, control, anger, past memories, etc? Those are all legitimate issues. I love in-depth counseling but I will deny that healing takes a long time. If you work hard, your soul can be healthy inside of two years.
- ✓ *Do you want to get well?* That is the dynamic issue. All counselors will tell you that after two years there are some that want to get healthy and some that want to get attention.

**Important Corollary** – the toughest, highest, and purest test of your health is \_\_\_\_\_.

- ✓ In tension points in a marriage, the fault is always completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Examples of Marital Conflict Situations*
- ✓ What if my mate quit on my marriage and I wanted to keep working? At that point it’s not equal. One quit; it’s over. But right before that point it was 100% equal.
- ✓ **Matthew 19:6** – who are the main violators of this verse? The people in the marriage themselves. When you are most evil in your thoughts is when you believe that your mate is more wrong than you are.
- ✓ If Satan can convince you that your mate is more wrong than you, the hope for the relationship is gone.
- ✓ The healthy approach – lets sit down calmly, humbly, and honestly. The guy repents first. He says, “I’m going to repent until you’re pleased and then you’re going to repent until I’m pleased. We’re going to work hard and God is going to be glorified in this marriage.” That is the highest, hardest test of soul health.
- ✓ Marriage has this amazing ability to take what most people thought was just a kind wonderful person and turn you into the most ugly person! (*Examples*)

Thesis # 2 – Who really knows you?

- ✓ If you can't have healthy relationships in \_\_\_\_\_, which is the *easiest* place of all, what makes you think you can have healthy relationships in a *marriage*, which is the *toughest* place of all?
- ✓ Who studies the Bible with you outside of church once or twice a month for *years*?
- ✓ *Illustration from My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
- ✓ **Song of Solomon 8:8-9** – the husband and wife are reminiscing. Who did the husband have to go through to have a date with her? Her brothers. They said they were a wall around her sister. The problem is we don't have healthy extended families anymore, or if we do they don't live in town anymore. The church is called to be that family.
- ✓ **Two Things You Need in a Plan**
  1. You need a plan that keeps you \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. You want to find out your *long-term prospects* really fast.
- ✓ *Example of execution of the plan*
- ✓ **2 Timothy 3:6** – “silly” = shallow, superficial, surface-y.
- ✓ *Illustration of immoral fraternity*
- ✓ They would discuss ways to seduce a woman. The most common known fact was **alcohol**. The second most common way is to “pick ‘em ripe early”. If you want to bed down a woman, pick an easy one to bed down. You can usually tell within 10 minutes, the ones that make you look them in the eye and talk to you with a calm strength, the ones that ask hard questions early on, you better quit that relationship early because that's a strong one. If you want to seduce a woman, go for the **silly** ones. They are easily manipulated. The next adjective is **weak**.
- ✓ Many said, “That would seem so imposing to say, ‘First date with me is church.’” These are silly, weak natured, spiritually dwarfed women.
- ✓ Any single person could find within a narrow margin 15 great prospects for dating on the Internet in the Atlanta area within the next 3 months without even trying hard. The question is, can you then in a safe way find out long term prospects? Do you have healthy relationships right now in the church?
- ✓ **Jeremiah 12:5** – if you can't have deep rich healthy face to face relationships in the body, which is the easiest place on the planet, how do you think you'll have a healthy marriage?
- ✓ **Luke 16:10**

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## Lesson 2 How Can The Church Help?

### Discussion Questions

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1. Review 2 Timothy 3:1-6 and Matthew 24:12 again. In what way do these passages describe the state of dating relationships today?

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2. How willing are you to sit down and talk face to face calmly, humbly, and honestly with your future spouse when there is a point of tension? How willing are you to focus on your wrongs first?

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3. Who in your church really knows you well and could assist you in your search for a mate? How can you strengthen your relationships in church?

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4. Based on this teaching, would you describe yourself as *strong* or *silly*? How comfortable are you with requiring prospective dates to begin dating you in church?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> self-centeredness <sup>2</sup> the church <sup>3</sup> giving <sup>4</sup> Get Over It! <sup>5</sup> marriage <sup>6</sup> equal <sup>7</sup> the church <sup>8</sup> safe

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## *Lesson 3 Why Is Sex Outside of Marriage Wrong?*

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### Review of Key Points

- You can get a mostly healthy soul in two years if you will work hard.
- Once you are healthy, if you want to be married, you can easily be married in one to three years.
- Today we will deal with a bump in the road. In today's society, you have to face the pressure of sex outside of marriage.

### Statistics

- 80% of the teenagers in this church think sex outside of marriage is wrong.
- 50% think oral sex or groping might be wrong.
- 15% think they *might* have an idea of *how* they can stay sexually pure before marriage.
- 5% might know *why* sex outside of marriage is wrong.

### Why It's Wrong

- ➔ We no longer can just say "Sex outside of marriage is wrong" and expect people to do it. You have to be able to show from the Word of God, a changed life, and truth and logic *why* it's wrong.
- ➔ About 50 to 100 times a year, couples come into the church and call themselves Christians and are living together. I've asked all elders that I handle these situations. I ask them, "Do you think it's wrong?" and they don't know. Then I show them what the Word says and *why* it's wrong.
- ➔ Sex outside of marriage is cancer in any relationship. Once you're married, you'll never have great sex in marriage. You started sex as a taking relationship and sex is meant to be a giving relationship.
- ➔ I talk about trust and why you won't trust each other and how you'd like to trust each other.
- ➔ When you answer why, people are willing to say, "If God's way is better, I want the best."

***“Why Is Sex Outside of Marriage Wrong?”***

There Are Two Answers

**A. It is demanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant  
without the \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant.**

- ✓ A hedonist is one who demands pleasure. The core understanding is a belief that pleasure can be demanded without commitment, responsibility, or discipline.
- ✓ The concept of commitment, discipline, and responsibility and then pleasure is the opposite of hedonism.
- ✓ As society disintegrates into hedonism it has to collapse within 200 years, usually in 50 years or less.
- ✓ In the 1960s before the hippie revolution, it was more men trying to seduce women. When a man tried to have inappropriate physical interaction with a woman, her response was, “Wait a minute! You don’t touch the body until you are married.”
- ✓ Today’s youth don’t even know that that used to be said.
- ✓ At the root of all of this is Satan wanting to create a society of people who demand \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Scriptures**

- **Ephesians 5:31-32** – the two become one flesh (sex) but what it’s really talking about is Christ and the church. First the \_\_\_\_\_ and then the \_\_\_\_\_. Sex is a picture of heaven, and sex in God’s plan is the closest thing to heaven you will get on earth.
- **Ephesians 5:1-3**
  - **“God’s holy people”** – any time two people have sex outside of marriage they have abused each other. The root of being able to laugh at all that is \_\_\_\_\_. It is when a person says, “I am a prince of the King of Kings and I am a blesser. To be in a dating relationship with me is a high privilege and if you would shred my soul, go away.” When a woman says, “I am a princess. Of course you will treat me like a queen because I deserve to be treated like a queen!” That core sense is what makes you unmanipulatable!
  - **“Live a life of love”** – Satan loves to mock. One of the ways he mocks is to twist things. (*Example of people caught in the sin of homosexuality*). In the same way, he mocks every time someone has sex outside of marriage by calling it making “love”. It has nothing to do with love.
  - Love is \_\_\_\_\_. That’s why people who have sex outside of marriage will never have pleasure from sex in marriage. If you love someone, you do what’s best for them. Always what’s best for them is to honor them as a treasure worth waiting for. You would not expect the pleasure of that treasure until you’ve made a permanent covenant commitment.

- When you violate that you do the opposite of love. Sex outside of marriage is pure 100% \_\_\_\_\_. It's taking, using, degrading, etc.
  - Beautiful sex is like learning to play a violin. It takes years to learn. When you have a heart to give to your mate, sex is this fascinating world where there's never a limit to ways to give to your mate.
  - People who have sex outside of marriage, since their foundation is taking, on a 0 – 100 scale never get above a 25 in pleasure.
  - Paul says, "Live a life of love" which is the opposite of sexual immorality.
  - **"Must not be even a hint of sexual immorality"** – what's wrong with a little groping? The minute you introduce the concept that sex is "take what I can when I can", you have loosed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the relationship. It may not kill the relationship although it kills most. Even if the relationship survives into marriage, the fact that you survived cancer doesn't mean that cancer is a good thing.
  - Asking "what about this" or "a little bit of that" is asking, "How much arsenic do you want in your food?"
- **Colossians 3:5-6**
- Proverbs chapters 1 – 10. Proverbs is the book of wisdom. The first ten chapters are devoted exclusively to how to avoid sexual immorality. In this passage in Colossians, it says, "Here's what your earthly nature is" and four of the five adjectives are about sexual immorality.
  - **"Wrath of God"** – one day our pompous balloon that surrounds the minds of most people is going to be popped.
  - *Illustration of person who believes in reincarnation*
  - *Story of being raised Catholic*
  - Not being sexually immoral because of the fear of God is not the only reason, but it's not a bad reason!
- **I Thessalonians 4:3-8**
- **"Holy and honorable"**
  - **"Not in passionate lust like the heathen who do not know God"** – acting like an animal degrades you to be an animal as opposed to being created in the image of the living God.
  - **"In this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him"**
  - *Story of how John committed to not kissing anyone until his wedding day*
  - **Important Medical Fact** – men have as much as 30 times the testosterone as women. In the womb, testosterone severs the connection between the two sides of the brain. Women have one brain and men have two half brains. Men can do something mentally that women cannot do. When a man is on a date and there is the possibility of him sexually using her, his mind is on that 100% of the time and stores it in the left side of his brain. He takes the right side of his brain and gives her full attention. If there is the slightest possibility of impropriety, a man cannot stop thinking about it all night.

- When I was dating, because there was 0% chance of anything inappropriate going on, I gave both halves of my brain in attention to her.
- *Story of John and Beth's dates and the strength of their marriage*
- When I said for 2½ years, "I want to know you", I understood that if this woman could trust me sexually, she could trust me in any other area. So she gave everything of herself to me. I also understood that sexually it's like standing on top of a mountain made of Crisco oil.



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➤ **Jude 1:7**

➤ **1 Corinthians 5:1-5**

- What was the church proud of? How \_\_\_\_\_ they were. They forgot that sins are only forgiven with repentance.
- You're about to read two passages that say if someone calls himself a brother and are living in open unrepentant sexual immorality, kick them out of the church, call them wicked, don't even have lunch with them.
- *How John wrestled through these passages*
- **"Hand this man over to Satan"** – you pray a prayer, "God we ask you to remove all of your protection from this man's life and in every situation in his life, let him receive all that he deserves."

➤ **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

➤ **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

- AIDS, Herpes, etc – diseases that never existed until massive sexual immorality. God's word is always true.
- I am a temple of the Holy Spirit. I honor God with my body.



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## B. It kills your ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **James 2:10** – *description of need for married couples to repent to each other for sexual immorality when they were dating.*
- Here's the dynamic of trust in a relationship – when you took something that was not yours, you said “I will violate God's law for my own pleasure until you're hurt.” Then you're married and you say, “Now I will honor God's law”.
- You're also guaranteed that since you won't enjoy sex after marriage, you've already determined that sex is conquering something you're not supposed to have, so you have to eventually start roving the eyes.
- You cannot pick and choose which parts of God's law you're going to obey!
- Two Repentances – one is a verbal repentance, but you also have to have repentance of character. The good news is you're married. There's no better tool to get rid of selfishness in your life.

## Good Physical Boundaries

- ✓ How do I stay pure sexually? If you say “It's hard”, you are a liar. It is so easy to stay sexually pure. It's not hard at all!
- ✓ It's not hard because your eyes have been opened. You see that for a little selfish abuse you throw away a lifetime of pleasure and inheritance.
- ✓ It's also not hard because boundaries are easy for a healthy soul.
- ✓ **Psalm 16:5-6**
  - “My portion” means my designated areas of what I'm allowed to do. Who sets your boundaries, you or God? God! There's a certain kind of soul you have to have to set boundaries – a \_\_\_\_\_ soul.
  - After the married prayer, I'm going to ask every single person 12 years old or up to stand and ask you to take a release of faith in your heart. At the core of all this is saying, “I will have the best that God has! I am a child of the living God!”
- ✓ **Two Boundaries**
  1. Talk about your boundaries \_\_\_\_\_ the first date. Deuteronomy 6:7, 2 Corinthians 4:13
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ be alone in a private place. That includes parked cars!
- ✓ **Scriptures** – Proverbs 7 and 8.
  - *Examples of how John and Beth applied “never be alone in a private place”*
  - In chapter 7 it talks about the idiot man. He went into her house, a private place.
  - Chapter 8 says that wisdom stands in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Christians walk in the light as He is in the light; those that are evil walk in the darkness. Is it hard to stay sexually pure? No! It's easy!
- ✓ *Story of friends who mocked John for not kissing before marriage*

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## Lesson 3 Why Is Sex Outside of Marriage Wrong?

### Discussion Questions

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1. Based on this teaching, explain in your own words why sex outside of marriage is wrong.

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2. Based on this teaching, how would you answer the question, “How far is too far physically?”

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3. How easy would it be to be sexually pure if you and your dating partner committed to never be alone in a private place? Are you willing to make that commitment?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> rewards <sup>2</sup> commitment <sup>3</sup> heaven <sup>4</sup> Jesus <sup>5</sup> covenant <sup>6</sup> reward <sup>7</sup> self-esteem <sup>8</sup> giving <sup>9</sup> selfishness <sup>10</sup> cancer  
<sup>11</sup> accepting <sup>12</sup> trust <sup>13</sup> secure <sup>14</sup> before <sup>15</sup> never <sup>16</sup> public square

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## *Lesson 4 Five Bible Windows to the Soul - Humility*

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### Introductory Comments

- ✓ Many of you have had issue with the fact that I am telling singles that what I would do if I were single is I would get on Christian Internet websites.
- ✓ The reason that you have issue with that is because you have a fear that some wolf will devour some sheep.
- ✓ There's a couple of misconceptions that you have. First, it's a deception that the person in the office and the person in the pew are safer than the person on the Internet.
- ✓ The second assumption you're making is that people are easy to be deceived. The Bible says that you can quickly know someone's heart. You'll never know all of someone's heart, but you can quickly discern the deepest purposes of someone's heart.
- ✓ **Proverbs 20:5** – “The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding \_\_\_\_\_.”
- ✓ *Story of looking in David Monsen's building*
- ✓ When the Bible gives you these windows, you can quickly draw out the purposes of any man's heart.
- ✓ For those living in fear, it is kinder and wiser to say to singles, “Be immersed in relationship in your church, and use the windows to quickly discern the soul.”

Using These Five Bible Windows  
You Can Learn \_\_\_\_\_ What Is In Someone's Heart

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### *First Window* – \_\_\_\_\_

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Definition – The ability and desire to see a situation through \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(emotions).

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### Three Opposites of Humility

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 18:2. The opposite of having opinions is understanding. As long as you are wrapped in your perspective, you'll never have understanding. A husband and wife needs to understand that humility allows you to see a picture that you never would have seen. Proverbs 12:15, 14:12, 26:12
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 19:19. Put a hot tempered person with a fixer, and the curse of this verse applies. If you rescue them you'll have to do it again and again! All temper is not caring about other emotional perspectives but being consumed with your own. It's just bully selfishness.

3. I was \_\_\_\_\_ - some of you have used this phrase and didn't know that it was almost totally anti-Christian. However, the phrase, "I am hurting" is a very sweet, pleasing phrase to God. Regarding the phrase "I was hurt":
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ statement. The entire matter has come to a conclusion. It invites no processing; end of discussion. It is intentionally conclusive.
  - I was \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody has ever been innocent ever in anything! Proverbs 16:2 (All a man's ways **seem** innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord). You either defend yourself or you search for your wrongs. You can't go both ways. What area of the human soul does man put the most soul effort into? Trying to prove our innocence! The cross of Jesus Christ is searching for our wrongs. The heart of Satan is declaring his innocence.
  - The other person is \_\_\_\_\_. It is a judgment. If you judge you have to be judged. What they are is none of our business! If you think about every time you've tried to prove your innocence, you can sum it up with the single word weariness. The worst thing is you don't fool anyone.
  - It is a heinous accusation against \_\_\_\_\_. It is saying God was wrong or absent. The Bible says that if you want to be like Christ, everything can be turned to good.

> *Description of Visual Directory for singles with fifty questions to ask* <

> *Description of the 'human' gift of tongues* <

> Romans 8:28 is not for every Christian. It's only for those who want to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. <



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Four Stories

*# 1 – Story of standing in line to get John David’s learners’ permit. Proverbs 1:23, 12:1, 13:1*

*# 2 – Story of church appointment. Proverbs 15:5, 15:31*

*# 3 – Story of couple about to get married. Proverbs 23:5, Matt 7:24 – 26, James 1:22*

*# 4 – Story of Liberty Church couple. Isaiah 66:2*



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# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## Lesson 4 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Humility

### Discussion Questions

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1. Based on this teaching, how could you discern in a very short period of time the level of humility that a person walks in?

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2. Based on this teaching, explain in your own words why the phrase “I was hurt” is not biblical.

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3. How quick are you to acknowledge your own wrongs? On a scale of 1 – 10, rate yourself in the area of humility.

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4. Which of the four stories impacted you the most and why?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> draws them out <sup>2</sup> quickly <sup>3</sup> humility <sup>4</sup> another person’s perspective <sup>5</sup> opinionated <sup>6</sup> anger <sup>7</sup> hurt  
<sup>8</sup> conclusive <sup>9</sup> innocent <sup>10</sup> wrong <sup>11</sup> God

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## *Lesson 5 Five Bible Windows to the Soul - Self-centered*

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### Introductory Comments

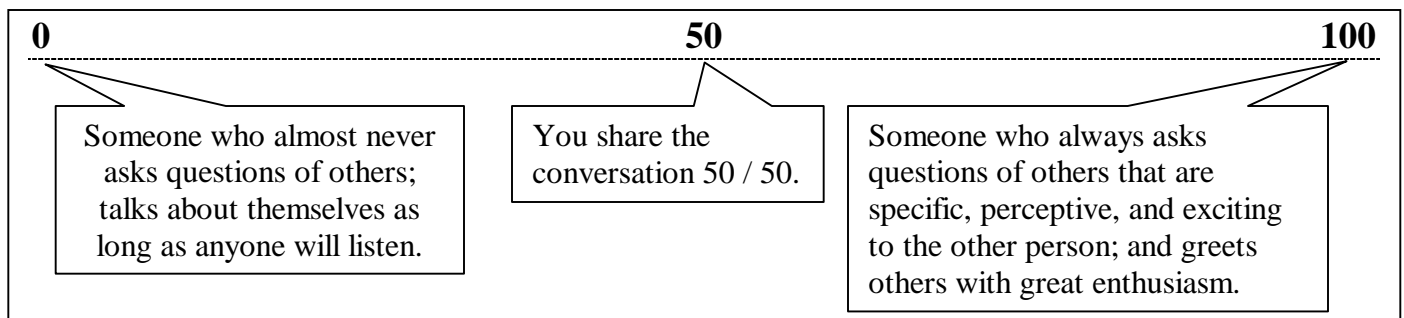
- ✓ This is a scary world to be single in.
- ✓ To be a single person and say, “God send me a godly healthy soul mate” and to filter out all of the dangerous ones is hard.
- ✓ When you understand that the Bible says there are windows to the soul, you can quickly see the purposes of someone’s heart.
- ✓ For singles you can know in the first two to three conversations how healthy someone is.
- ✓ Humility is something you have or you don’t. It’s a switch.
- ✓ Don’t ask God to humble you. God says, “Humble yourself”!
- ✓ What we’re going to cover today is a lengthy curve of maturity. It’s a measure of how far along you are in your walk with Christ and how selfish you are in your heart.
- ✓ It has nothing to do with whether you’re going to heaven or not. It has a lot to do with how miserable you’re going to be before you get there!
- ✓ The root of all sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Second Window – For out of the overflow of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks (Matt 12:34)*

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### *How selfish are you in your conversation?*



- ✓ There are people who are ‘0’s! I used to wonder, “How do they breathe?” The sad part is no one ever taught them that Satan makes a witches brew – the more you grab or take people’s attention, the \_\_\_\_\_ your soul becomes.
- ✓ *Example of Ralph giving John money*

✓ **Scriptures**

- **James 3:1-2** – “perfect” = “mature”. The measure is your mouth.
- **Proverbs 10:19**
- **James 1:26** – your tongue is like a horse that will trample you that you have to reign in and say “You don’t control my life.”



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- ✓ What happens in a lot of conversations is, I want to talk about me. So I talk about me, and after a few minutes the other person says, “I want to talk about me!” I’ll listen and then say, “Enough, my turn!” Most conversations are this back and forth wrestling where neither ever listens!
- ✓ Just nodding your head is not listening!
- ✓ True listening is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ A mature person almost never talks about themselves. They have their mate and one to two other people with which they share the issues on their heart. Other than that, they see all self talk as a selfish waste of a ministry opportunity.
- ✓ *Example of training of elders; example of asking questions*
- ✓ I do not believe that being unselfcentered means that you are a wimp and are drained by longwinded people. I never let anyone talk more than five minutes. I simply probe and ask a second and third question. Generally by the fourth question I ask, “What is the main thing you want to say to me?”
- ✓ *Example of Pollyanna movie clip*
- ✓ **Scriptures**
  - **Proverbs 18:21** – those who love life *or* death. Every time you talk about yourself where there is nothing you’re trying to learn or process, it’s death. Every time you dig into someone else’s soul, it’s life.
  - **James 1:19** – the Bible says we’re not in a world of 50/50 sharing.
  - **Matthew 16:24**



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**How negative or positive are you?**

<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>
<p>Someone who almost never praises others and almost always feels very free to voice negatives.</p>	<p>Somewhat positive; gives praise when you do something right.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almost never says a negative. Feels that negative people are lazy. The hard work is to see something positive the Lord is teaching me and to have multiple positive solutions.</li> <li>• Almost always praises others in ways that deeply touch their heart and light up their eyes.</li> <li>• Sees praise as a proper response to faithfulness; therefore they praise all the time</li> </ul>

- ✓ Negative is \_\_\_\_\_. If you tell someone to stop being negative, they say, “I’m just being honest.” What they’re really saying, “You’re just a Pollyanna, your head is in the clouds. I’m more discerning than you are.”
- ✓ Negative people are actually less smart than everyone else because they don’t know that everybody sees the negatives. It doesn’t take much to see negatives. How much work does it take? Zero.
- ✓ Christians are not afraid of negatives. Christians are the only people that have \_\_\_\_\_ to negatives. It takes work, prayer, research, hearing God to say, “In this negative situation, here are some ways we can solve this thing.”
- ✓ Lazy people don’t want to work.
- ✓ **Scriptures**
  - **James 3:6**
  - **James 3:8**
  - **James 3:9**



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\* **Pollyanna Movie Clip** \*

- **Philippians 2:3** – when you say a negative without hope for a solution, you cause death in all those around you. *Story of Beth's scripture notes.*
- **I Corinthians 13:4-5** – over 50% of all my prayers are, “Fill me with your love. Give me your love for my wife, my children, your people, etc”. You cannot control selfishness by human will, but you can let the Spirit of Christ rise up.
- **Ephesians 4:29**
- **Philippians 2:14** – if you say a negative without some hope-filled direction at the end of it, what are you doing biblically? \_\_\_\_\_! Philippians says do everything without complaining.
- **Isaiah 50:4** – the Bible says that God stands by your bed and waits for you to wake up and says, “I want to teach you today how to say words that sustain the weary.”



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- ✓ When you praise someone, let the Lord instruct you on the rivers in their heart.
- ✓ *Example of Fiona*
- ✓ In your heart is one equation of the other. Either “I praise you when you when you do above my normal expectations”, or “Well done, good and faithful servant”. God praises \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Example of secretaries*

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## Lesson 5 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Self-centered

### Discussion Questions

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1. What was your score on the first 0 – 100 scale? How can you improve in this area?

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2. What was your score on the second 0 – 100 scale? How can you improve in this area?

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3. What are the main things you learned in this teaching about listening to others?

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4. What are the main things you learned in this teaching about being positive to others?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> selfishness <sup>2</sup> heart <sup>3</sup> mouth <sup>4</sup> emptier <sup>5</sup> asking questions <sup>6</sup> lazy <sup>7</sup> answers <sup>8</sup> complaining <sup>9</sup> faithfulness

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## *Lesson 6 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Your Treasure*

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### *Third Window – Money and Tithing*

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#### **Scriptures on Money**

- **Luke 12:34** – for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Money, and how you spend your money, has a direct clear correlation to everything in your heart.
- **1 Timothy 6:9-11** – if you’re dating someone, ask “Do you want to get rich?” If the answer is yes, you are talking to a very dangerous person. If God calls you to rich, one of the reasons you’ll know it is because you \_\_\_\_\_ to be rich. Wanting to be rich will destroy your faith. *Example of people who want to be in the pulpit.*
- **Ecclesiastes 5:10** – Robert Horton said the greatest lesson he learned from life was that people who set their minds and hearts on money are equally disappointed whether they get money or don’t get money. Andrew Carnegie said “Millionaires who laugh are rare. My experience is that wealth is apt to take your smile away”.
- **Isaiah 55:1-2** – when a passage says, “Flee from all this and pursue right”, what is “all this” you are fleeing from? A mud pit that sucks everything out of you that somehow seems to add value to your life. You have to get out of the whole pit and say “Never”! John D. Rockefeller said “The man who has only money is the poorest man on the earth.”
- **Matthew 6:24** – does it say you’re supposed to hate the *love* of money or hate money? Actually, it says to hate any concept of \_\_\_\_\_ money.
- **John 12:6** – why did Judas become a traitor to Christ? Money! Larry Burkett says, “There are approximately 700 passages in the Bible that directly refer to the subject of money. 2/3 of all of Jesus’ parables were all about money. You will discover as you progress through this study that God equates our use of wealth with our \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Hebrews 13:5**
- **1 Timothy 6:6-7** – on the statue of Joseph Brotherton is this inscription: “A man’s riches consist not of the amount of his wealth but in the fewness of his wants”. *Story of how John and Beth handle money issues.*



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## ***Fourth Window – Small Group Discussion***

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### **Scriptures and Comments on Small Group Discussion Bible Study**

- **Hebrews 4:12** – when does God’s word become alive and full of power? When you \_\_\_\_\_ it! When the Word penetrates your heart, does it happen all at once or over a process? The answer is a \_\_\_\_\_.



Notes on Skit

- **Boundaries** – we have two boundaries.
  1. The first boundary is that if you want me to be your pastor, you have to commit that the first 10% belongs in the local church. The reason is that there’s a difference in those who tithe and those who don’t.
  2. You have to say, Pastor, for the rest of my life I will make it a top priority to always be in a small group discussion Bible study. Until you discuss the Word with others, the Word has no \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Different Levels of the Word Penetrating Your Heart**
  1. **Level One** – the \_\_\_\_\_ level. When you first chew the Word, all of the garbage in your heart comes to the surface. That’s why people don’t go to Bible study.
  2. **Level Two** – the \_\_\_\_\_ or solutions. Most people stop at this level.
  3. **Level Three** – \_\_\_\_\_. You want the same friends for five and ten years, and you want people who know when you’re faking it.
- *Story of Crisis Marriage Counseling*
- **Five Spiritual Areas That Would Satisfy a Wife**
  1. “The two become one” – make no decisions unless you are both one in heart and mind.
  2. “I don’t \_\_\_\_\_”
  3. “I will never touch the \_\_\_\_\_”
  4. “For the rest of our lives, we will be in some small group where they know us and we know them and we have to show up and answer what we dug in the Word that week.”
- Being strong in Christ is not complicated!
- If the Word ever pierced all the way down, you would find that you are a warrior! You have destiny, purpose and value.

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## Lesson 6 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Your Treasure

### Discussion Questions

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1. What is your track record in the past few years in the area of tithing? How consistent have you been in budgeting your money wisely?

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2. What are your feelings about the concept of “wanting to be rich”? How much do you want to be rich? How would you react if a potential mate wanted to be rich?

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3. How consistently have you attended a small group discussion Bible study during the past few years? If you haven’t been consistent, what groups do you know of that you could start attending?

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4. How can attending a small group discussion Bible study affect your spiritual health over the long term?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> don’t want <sup>2</sup> serving <sup>3</sup> commitment to Him <sup>4</sup> Bible Study <sup>5</sup> speak <sup>6</sup> process <sup>7</sup> power <sup>8</sup> problem <sup>9</sup> answers  
<sup>10</sup> identity <sup>11</sup> skip church <sup>12</sup> tithes

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## *Lesson 7 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Bible Study and Worship*

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\* Challenge to married couples to share the burden of Singles \*

### **Review of First Four Bible Windows to the Soul**

*These are* \_\_\_\_\_

- # 1 - **Humility / Blaming** – every time you are in any conflict, don't ever walk away thinking you are innocent!
- # 2 - **Self-Centeredness**
- # 3 - **Money and Tithing**
- # 4 - **Small Group Discussion Bible Studies**

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### *Fifth Window – Spirit-Filled* \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ➤ **1 Corinthians 14:25**

#### ➤ **History of the Charismatic Movement**

- In the last 100 years, we are experiencing the fulfillment of the prophesy in the book of Joel – “in the last days, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy”.
- There has been an almost complete flip-flop in the body of Christ. To be a Charismatic all you have to do is believe that when the Bible says that the Holy Spirit will give supernatural gifts that those are still available today.
- 100 years ago, 80 – 90% of the body of Christ was not Charismatic. Today, 80 – 90% across the world of all Christians are by definition Charismatic.
- In this massive shift, the lines have been blurred. You have Baptists who pray in tongues but they don't do it in church; you have people in Charismatic churches who've never moved in the gifts at all.
- In the midst of all this, the Word gives some constant points of clarity. One is that the moving of the Spirit doesn't mean that we all clap and raise our hands. The moving of the Spirit is when the gifts, and especially the gift of prophesy, comes forth.
- Even more than in a congregational gathering, in a small group gathering it is normal and appropriate for almost every time you meet for personal prophetic words to come forth.
- *Story of John going to a Bible study at 19 years old*

**Thorny Question** – *You’ve got someone baptized in the Holy Spirit who walks in the gifts who has a chance to go out with someone who’s definitely saved but doesn’t believe in any of that. Should they date or not?*

### 3 Answers

# 1 - Christlike character \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Example of ungodly Charismatic vs godly nonCharismatic
- b. **Proverbs 11:3** – always be guided by *integrity*

# 2 - Never give up your \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Example of bottles of water and beef jerky
- b. Example of story of Victoria Flowers’ life



Notes on Skit and Story

- c. Absolutely the only real issue is “Are you a Christian” but don’t ever give up your inheritance. You have to drink of the Spirit every day. Never set aside what God has given you to please another human being.
- d. There’s a reason tongues is the first gift – because when you pray in tongues out loud you will never in your life look more stupid. Tongues is God’s pride buster.

# 3 - Why do some people react so violently against the gifts of the Spirit?

- a. It has nothing to do with Bible, theology, or some horrible experience.
- b. The real issue is this – the Spirit of God commands freedom to expose all of our \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God.
- c. Often the real problem is “clogged emotions”.
- d. How many of us put lids on our emotions? Everybody. How often? Every day.
- e. Every time you drink of the Spirit, the first thing the Spirit says is, “What’s in there? Lets get it out!”
- f. Everyone has had the experience of feeling great while coming to church, and then feeling grumpy when the first song started. Or

- you suddenly become tired. Why? In your soul is anger or weariness. The Spirit says, “Come on”.
- g. To be full of the Spirit doesn't mean you base your life on emotions. It does mean that you are emotionally \_\_\_\_\_.
  - h. You come in and aren't used to drinking of the Spirit and you take the tiniest little sip. Things start rising up in your soul and you feel emotions and you say, “I don't do emotions” and the Holy Spirit says, “But I do”!
  - i. What did the man do in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:25? He fell on his face and declared!
  - j. You're in a battle! You want to keep the lid on, and the Holy Spirit is determined to pop it off! You have two choices: don't ever drink again or say “I'm leaving it off Holy Spirit”.

### **3 Questions**

- # 1 - How many of you in this weekend set aside time to drink of the Spirit?
- # 2 - How many of you in the last seven days got so dry and said “Enough” and had to get a hold of God?
- # 3 - For some of you, this issue of this lid on emotions has been a problem for you for decades. How many of you need help?

*\* Story of Man in Church \**

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## Lesson 7 Five Bible Windows to the Soul – Bible Study and Worship

### Discussion Questions

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1. What do you believe about the gifts of the Spirit? How would you handle a potential date that had Godly character but didn't believe in the gifts of the Spirit?

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2. How easy or difficult is it for you to allow the Holy Spirit to “pop the lid off” of your emotions during worship?

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3. Which of the five Bible windows to the soul do you need to work on the most and why?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> in order of priority <sup>2</sup> worship <sup>3</sup> first <sup>4</sup> inheritance <sup>5</sup> emotions <sup>6</sup> free

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## *Lesson 8 How to Find a Godly Mate*

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\* Movie Clip – “Matchmaker” from Fiddler on the Roof \*

### Connecting Thought

- About seven years ago, we set our heart to repent of the racial barriers in the church. It took about five years of hard faith-filled work to bring down the barriers to become a church where people of all races could relax, marry, and be a family. It cost a lot, but it was worth the price tag.
- As big as the walls were between people of different races is the wall between married couples and singles. It was never God’s plan for 45% of all of the adults in this country and in the church to be unmarried. If God has called you to be married, that is a call on your life. If that call has been taken or blocked or stolen from you, that is the inheritance of God that has been stolen from you. The main reason it’s being kept is the wall between married and singles. Everything in this series has been to break down that wall.
- *Story about the Gateway Arch in St Louis*
- You always marry your \_\_\_\_\_. How do you align the base of your soul? That aligning is meant to be done through real solid healthy respectful friendships with married couples.
- *Descriptions of prayers for singles to pray*
- Your relationships in church is a test of relationships. If you treat church attendance, tithing, home group etc as things you do when it’s convenient, that’s how you’ll treat your marriage partner.
- Whenever there are major Christian doctrines that have zero Bible verses to back them, get a trash can. *Example of youth minister*
- False doctrine – “If you want to get married, do nothing and be sweet and godly and patient”. Faith is always \_\_\_\_\_! You tell someone to have faith for a job or healing you are aggressive, but for this one area people believe in passivity! I believe you ought to get healthy first, but once you are healthy go find one!

### Main Text – Luke 10:25-33

- ◇ The man represents all the *single adults* in the body of Christ.
- ◇ The robber represents *Satan* and wants to do three things:
  - Strip him of all of his clothes (Singles are told if you don’t get naked or give sex you don’t have anything to offer to this relationship).
  - Beat him (verbal and physical abuse).
  - Left him half dead (people who say, “I’m sick of you and I’m out of here”).

- ◇ The priest represents *pastors*. They look at the mass of confusion in singles and says, “It’s too much for me.”
- ◇ The Levite represents *married couples*. “I can’t help them”.
- ◇ The Samaritan represents *the world*. The world is glad to offer comfort to singles.
- ◇ **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:25-26** – the church’s parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers. If you have a 37 year old single who has a longing to be married and that calling has been delayed and denied and it’s an 80 pound weight, the word of God says every other person carry the weight also.
- ◇ **Galatians 6:2**
- ◇ *Description of prayer for married couples and everyone to pray*
- ◇ **Word of Mercy and Kindness** – I believe most married couples would love to be a blessing to singles.

## **7 Major Truths**

1. If you want to get married, say it! Matt 11:12
  - a. **Christian Websites** – eHarmony.com is the best of all of them. The best Christian websites are the ones that tell you to go through four or five levels of interviews and ask you hundreds of questions.
  - b. **Book** – Date or Soul Mate by Dr. Neil Clark Warren.
  - c. The truth is that singles today have it 100 times **easier** than any singles in the last 40 years **if** you will: get healthy, get teammates, and go find them. 20 – 40 years ago your only options for dates were very small. Now you can have thousands of soul fits.
  - d. Singles say they’ll pay any price, but then won’t pay \$20 a month for eHarmony!
  - e. I believe that if you get healthy and get partners, you can be married in 2 years.
2. Learn how to recognize a healthy soul.
  - a. In any point of tension, disagreement, or misunderstanding, a healthy soul always wants to sit down and talk calmly, humbly, and honestly.
  - b. Have you been through **Breakthrough to Joy?** If you haven’t been through Breakthrough to Joy, I probably wouldn’t recommend you as a marriage partner. In-depth 16 – 30 week counseling courses teach you how to \_\_\_\_\_ and the garbage.
  - c. **Comment from Dr. Warren** – “Most of these people don’t have a marriage problem. One or both of them had emotional difficulties and when those people brought their personal unhealed problems into the relationship, the marriage went sour. 75 – 80% of marriages that end in divorce or separation, at least one and usually both suffer from emotional health deficiency. I’m so convinced of this that I tell people that no marriage can be healthier than the emotional health of the least healthy partner.”
3. Who really knows you?

4. Plan to keep safe in dating and find out long term prospects really fast.
  - a. I gave a general plan – first four dates: come to church, come to home group, and go to two double dates. Half of all future dates: discipleship courses with two couples.
  - b. The idea – date in spiritual relationship context. Catch the truth of the idea.
5. Why is sex outside of marriage wrong?
  - a. Every man is a predator or a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. *Discussion of challenge to married couples to repent.*
6. What are your physical boundaries?
  - a. Talk about your physical boundaries before the first date.
  - b. Never be alone in a private place.
7. What is in your heart?
  - a. The biggest one is blaming.
  - b. How self-centered are you in conversation?
  - c. How much do you love money?
  - d. How much do you open your life to small group discussion Bible studies?
  - e. How do you respond when the Spirit of God is poured out in powerful worship?

# Singles: Finding a Godly Mate

## Lesson 8 How to Find a Godly Mate

### Discussion Questions

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1. Based on the teachings in this series, how prepared are you for marriage? Are there areas of health you need to grow in? If so, which areas?

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2. Summarize which two of the seven points reviewed in this teaching impacted you the most, and why.

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3. Based on everything you've learned in this series, what is your personal game plan for finding a mate?

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**Fill in the Blank Answers**

<sup>1</sup> spiritual peer <sup>2</sup> aggressive <sup>3</sup> resolve the pain <sup>4</sup> protector