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**WHY SHOULD I**  
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**“WHY SHOULD I  
FIND A CHRISTIAN MATE”**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*Acts 2:41-47*

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Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

***A Biblical, Practical, Outline of Spiritual Living***

Go to church / Fellowship / Come back to church / Worship / Worship / Tithe / Pray / Get saved / Fast / Evangelize... ***Find a Christian mate***

***Focusing on Verses 42 & 44***

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine and fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.... <sup>44</sup> Now **all who believed were together...**

Keys to Any Meaningful Relationship;

***Doctrine, Fellowship, Believing, and Being Together***

**WHY SHOULD YOU FIND A CHRISTIAN MATE?**

**1.) Because - it's what you need**

**1a.) What you need is a real relationship**

*I'm speaking to the Christian this morning*

God has created you with a need. It is a good need. It is a need that you must have satisfied...

That Need to Experience a **Real Relationship**

The Building Blocks to a **Meaningful Relationship**

**#1**

***Are You Drawn to a Relationship?***

***Why?*** Because God has wired you and I for Meaning

**#2**

***Are You Challenged to Grow as a Person?***

***Why?*** Because God has made you and I with a desire to develop

**#3**

***Are You Hopeful About the Future of a Relationship?***

***Why?*** That's Because God has given you and I reason to go forward

A Real Relationship that is a "Real Reality"

**1 John 1:7**

***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...***

**1b.) What you need is a unified vision**

A Unified Vision (A unifying vision)

(What We Have in Common)

Meaning that; the depth of your relationship is greater than anything else.

**"Love"**  
*God's Way*

God's Love is to set the Christian Apart from the World

The World Says, "This is What Unifies Us"  
Money / Youth / Looks / Possessions / Power

- It Must Be Greater Than Money
- It Must Be Greater Than Youth
- It Must Be Greater Than Looks
- It Must Be Greater Than Possessions
- It Must Be Greater Than Power

## Is The Relationship You're In – Greater Than These Things?

### Can You Say

**“That Your Relationship is Firmly Founded Upon  
a United Vision of Love as Revealed in the Bible?”**

#### *Romans 15:5*

*Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,*

#### *Philippians 2:2 NLT*

*Grant me this joy, by loving each other and agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, working together with one heart and mind and purpose.*

### **1c.) What you need is stability**

## *Every Relationship Leads to Marriage*

(or the things reserved for marriage)

### The Christian Witness is to be “Stability.”

Trustworthiness, An Enduring Commitment, Love

### **(AN ALL WEATHER, ALL TERRAIN RELATIONSHIP)**

#### THE VOWS OF SCRIPTURE IN MARRIAGE

### Isaac and Rebekah and their Vows

## WHY SHOULD YOU FIND A CHRISTIAN MATE?

### **2.) Because - it's what works the best**

### **2a.) God's best is service**

#### Service - In A Private Sense

What if God Created Marriage to Make us Holy

Not Happy, Not Wealthy, Not Successful

# That Your Mate

Is exactly the person you have been given by God, To make you a better Person, a better Christian, a better Servant, More Like Jesus

**Galatians 5:13**

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

**Matthew 20:25-27**

*But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them." <sup>26</sup> Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. <sup>27</sup> And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant*

## A Great Example of this Was Abigail

Abigail was Married to an Idiot

*(This guy was the chief of fools)*

Whatever You are Doing as a Single Person for Christ.  
When God Brings you that Mate – Your Ministry will Increase.

## Sadly – I See Some Couples

He is Going to fulfill all my needs. She is going to take the place of my mommy. My spouse will be bigger than life – my own servant!

Are You Looking for Someone?  
Look for Them in Ministries / in Service / in Helping Others

**Genesis 2:18**

*And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

**Genesis 2:20-23**

*So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

### **2b.) God's best is influence**

**A Godly Christian Couple**  
*Is the most powerful influence that a Family can see.*

Is Your Relationship  
Challenging Others to Be Like You?  
Other Single Christians are Watching You Both

Acts 18:26

So Apollos began to speak boldly in the synagogue and when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

## Satan Hates the Christian Couple

**There are Enough Dead Churches Around. But when Satan gets a Chance to Kill a Marriage – he wins a huge victory**

THE NATION WILL BE AS STRONG AS THE CHURCH,  
THE CHURCH WILL BE AS STRONG AS THE FAMILY

## What is the State of the Union?

**2c.) God's best is ministry**

### Ministry - In A Public Sense

God will take Two Christians and Bring them Together  
To Increase Their Scope and Effectiveness in Ministry

## !!! Greater Public Ministry !!!

### Sadly – I See Some Couples

Step Back from Ministry. The Very Thing That God was Wanting to Increase in Their Lives Together.

### Make The Stretch

Husband, Mr. Spouse to Be, make sure you are leading your Mate  
in the Things of the Lord.

**The Woman for You Sir, Will be the one who can see that you have a godly character**

*I Believe that a Man who does not Lead his home in the Things of God, has left his door wide open to (fill in the blank)*

1 Timothy 5:8

**But if anyone does not provide (set up a watchtower, to guard, to supply all that is needed) for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

The Stretch is to Live Beyond Yourself in the Lord  
“Minister to Others – Let Your Friends Know it, Let Your Children See It

## WHY SHOULD YOU FIND A CHRISTIAN MATE?

### 3.) *Because - it's what God has intended*

#### 3a.) *We're "Physically" Related*

*Genesis 2:22-23*

*The rib which the LORD God had taken from Adam, He made into a woman, and He brought her to the Adam. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; - - she shall be called Woman...*

We Are Physically Related  
by Obvious and **for** Obvious Reasons

*Genesis 2:24-25*

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed...

**End of story, and they lived naked, happily ever after!  
...and they were not ashamed!**

**"Physical Attractiveness is Optional"**

*let me explain;*

**Physical Attraction**

We have let **the gospel according to Calvin Klein** shape our thinking  
We have let **Victoria's Secret** mold our expectations

**God has Made the Human Being with a Built-in  
Cute-om-eter**

Eye Sees or Ear Hears Person of Opposite Gender.  
The Difference is Attractive.

Attraction Leads to Curiosity and Advancement  
The Advancement leads to Appreciation  
of God's Handy Work

**"Good Job God" - Adam**

Physical Attractiveness is of the Lord

**“But I’m Not Very Cute”  
God has Someone for You...**

Stop Trying to be Attractive for the World

Hey girls. If you dress and act like barracuda bait, don’t be surprised if you  
only catch barracuda.

Girls, Raise the Standard – be Classy

## A Word on Fornication

God will judge it and you. And you will reap of its damage.  
Don’t Be Touching One Another Until Marriage...

“God will not bless, what he has already condemned”

**1 Thessalonians 4:4-6**

*each of you should know how to possess your own vessel in sanctification and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one should take advantage of and defraud your brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.*

A Girl on Sex

(It is an offering. It is a statement. It is a ceremony of commitment)

A Guy on Sex

(It is selfish, it is a challenge, it is an experiment in experience)

Male

“Hey Give me the Goods  
And I’ll Decide if You’re the One for Me”

Female

I’ll decide if You’re the One for Me,  
Then I’ll give you the Goods”

## God Says – No Sex Before Marriage!!!

It ruins the way you Think, Feel, Act, - even Look Like

After The Wedding

“Don’t Stop - Except to Come Up for Air”

**1 Corinthians 7:3-5**

*Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive (never hold back) one another except with consent (agreement) for a time (short) , that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together (glue) again so that Satan does not tempt (take you to another) you because of your lack of self-control.*

### 3b.) We're "Emotionally" Related

- You Get Along Well
- You Compliment Each Other's Lives
- You are Thoughtful Toward Them
  - You are Kind Toward Them
- You are Generous Toward Them
- You are Selfless Toward Them

The music, ice cream, outings,  
Likes and Dislikes

### Emotional Compatibility

He Makes Me Laugh / She Makes Me Think  
He Makes Me Spontaneous / She Makes Me Slow Down

They are "Happy Opposites"

**Colossians 3:18-19**

*You wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, for that is what the Lord has planned for you. 19 And you husbands must be loving and kind to your wives and not bitter against them nor harsh.*

### 3c.) We're "Spiritually" Related

The mystery

**Ephesians 5:31-33**

*(That the husband and wife are one body is proved by the Scripture, which says, "A man must leave his father and mother when he marries so that he can be perfectly joined to his wife, and the two shall be one.") 32 I know this is hard to understand, but it is an illustration of the way we are parts of the body of Christ. 33 So again I say, a man must love his wife as a part of himself; and the wife must see to it that she deeply respects her husband-- obeying, praising, and honoring him.*

Are You Impressed with that persons Spirituality?

*Does She Impress You in Spiritual Matters?*

*Does He Impress You in Spiritual Matters?*

The Spiritual Union of a Man and Woman

The Emotional Tie Between Them

The Physical Consummation of the Two

# That is Why Divorce is So Hated by God

## Why Divorce is So “Spiritually” Wrong

### **Matthew 19:3-6**

*The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'<sup>5</sup> "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'<sup>6</sup> "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

### **Genesis 2:24**

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

### **Mark 10:11-12**

*So Jesus said to them; "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. "And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."*

### **Luke 16:18**

*"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery."*

### **Ephesians 5:21-23**

*submitting to one another in the fear of God.<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.<sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.*

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Emotional Union *pre-wedding* / Spiritual Union *pre-wedding* /  
Physical Union *post-wedding*.

That is When a Marriage is Completed, a Wedding has Occurred.

## WHY SHOULD YOU FIND A CHRISTIAN MATE?

### **2 Corinthians 6:14-15**

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?<sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?*

Unequal Yokes Cause Early Deaths

THE END