

UGH! Why Am I Still Single?

Hey! It's me again, Donielle! I hope you have been doing well. I am really just here to share with you something that I have been studying a lot here lately. Partially because it is a topic of interest, but mostly because it is ALLLLL around me. It seems to me that everyone is either frustrated because they are not married, or irritated because they are still single. Well, heeelloooo! I feel ya.

I'm 26 and I'm STILL "single", if ya will. But I'm content in this state because I have learned the purpose for this season. It can be so beautiful, if you let it be. However, truth is ... many of us don't know how to let it be beautiful because we live in a society that rushes us to meet their timelines and their standards for living. I

mean, married by 21 ... homeowners by 22 (or during engagement) ... babies by 23 ... business owners by 25 ... and BAM you're off to living your best life! I mean, dang! I wish this was the life for me. And I mean, maybe if I prepared a little bit better I could have accomplished some of these things ... right? I don't know! But the beauty of it all is this, your life is for you to live. God has great plans for you since before you were even thought about and it is truly up to us to seek HIM, follow HIM, and trust HIM through EVERY SINGLE SEASON of our lives.

Literally, every SINGLE season. So stay with me, watch the video and here are some questions below for you to think about while you're watching. Also, feel free to take some notes. I pray this is as helpful for you as it was to me! I love you all, and I pray that you find rest in Jesus and His wonderful plans for your life. It's gonna be great!

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1. What is your current status? Single, single? Dating, single? Engaged, single? or Married?
2. How would you describe your feelings towards your current season?
3. In what ways do you feel pressure by society? Family? Friend?
4. Do you think you are ready for marriage?

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5. How would you describe your relationship with Christ?

6. About how much time do you spend daily in prayer, reading your Bible, fasting...?

7. Would Christ be proud to call you his bride? Do you give Him something to brag about?

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8. Who has God created you to be? What has He called you to do? Are you it? Are you doing it?

9. Better question, have you started? Are you consistent with your call? Are you committed to your assignment?

10. On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your time management skills?

11. How do you manage all of your responsibilities? Are you on top of things? Ahead? Barely keeping up? Slacking behind?

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12. How do you feel as an individual? Whole? Broken? Yearning for something more? Incomplete?

13. What do you like to do? How often do you do it?

14. Are you ready for marriage? If so, how do you know? If not, what needs to happen to prepare you for marriage?

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15. List some things that you can do to prepare yourself for marriage.

16. What is one thing that you will commit to doing, starting today? (One thing that you will do for yourself in order to fulfill the call and God's purpose for your life)

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Truth for the Wait:

- 1 Corinthians 7 (whole chapter)
- 2 Corinthians 6:14
- Isaiah 41:10
- Songs of Solomon 3:5
- Hosea 2:19-20
- MATTHEW 6:33
- Ephesians 5
- 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13
- Romans 12:1-2
- Genesis 2:18, Genesis 2:21-25, Genesis 1:27,28 (In fact do a deep study/look into the characters of Adam and Eve)
- Hebrews 13:4
- Isaiah 54:5
- Revelation 19:7-9
- Revelation 21:9-14
- Titus 2 (women specifically — study on this entitled “Issa Wife” coming soon)

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Books To Glean From:

- The Five Love Languages Singles Edition (Gary Chapman)
- Single Men Are Like Waffles, Single Women Are Like Spaghetti (Bill and Pam Farrel)
- Single. Dating. Engaged. Married. Navigating life + love in the modern age (Ben Stuart)
- The Right One - How to Successfully Date and Marry the Right Person (Jimmy Evans & Frank Martin)
- The Mingling of Souls - God's Design for Love, Marriage, Sex & Redemption (Matt Chandler)
- Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships - God's Prescription for Enhancing Your Love Life (Chip Ingram)
- Love That Lasts - How We Discovered God's Better Way For Love, Dating, Marriage, and Sex (Jefferson and Alyssa Bethke)
- Boundaries in Dating - How Healthy Choices Grow Healthy Relationships (Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend)
- The People Factor (Van Moody)
- So, You Want To Be Married? (Cornelius Lindsey)

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Strictly Women:

- Pink Lips & Empty Hearts (Heather Lindsey)
- Kissed the Girls and Made Them Cry - Why Women Lose When They Give In (Lisa Brevere)
- Sex and the Single Christian Girl (Marian Jordan Ellis)
- Wilderness Skills For Women - How to Survive Heartbreak and Other Full-Blown Meltdowns (Marian Jordan Ellis)
- Lost & Found (Sarah Jakes)
- Colliding With Destiny (Sarah Jakes)
- Woman Thou Art Loosed - Healing the Wounds of the Past (T.D. Jakes) —> Also a 90 Day Devotional "Woman Thou Art Healed & Whole"

* Those these say "Strictly Women", men ... feel free to get the inside scoop on how women really feel. I mean, after all men, you are gonna be spending the rest of our life with one of these creatures. *

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Men Specific:

- No More Excuses - Be the Man God Made You to Be (Tony Evans)
- Imperfect Family Man (Cornelius Lindsey)
- So You Want to Be a Man? (Cornelius Lindsey)
- Suffering in Silence (Cornelius Lindsey)
- He-Motions (T.D. Jakes)
- Decoding the Silent Man (Cornelius Lindsey)

* Sorry men, I don't have that many for you ... being that I'm not a man so I wouldn't typically go for "men only" books. However, I have read some of these books and they have given me lots of insight in understanding men. I can say, it has helped me tremendously in understanding and even in responding to men. So ladies, though these say "Strictly Men", feel free to get the inside scoop on how women really feel. I mean, after all men, you are gonna be spending the rest of our life with one of these creatures. *