

**Title:** Finding your life partner  
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### God's purpose for marriage

#### genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God. He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- a. To represent God and reflect His image on earth.
- b. To enjoy the benefits (sex, companionship, unity).
- c. To raise a godly generation (family).
- d. To reflect the mystery of Christ and the church.

### God, the match-maker

#### genesis 2:18 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

## 1. Know your first love

#### mark 12:30 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

#### psalm 37:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## 2. Know your season

#### ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.

#### song of solomon 8:4 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, not to awaken love until the time is right.

How do you know the season?

- a. Jesus is your first love.
- b. You have peace and contentment.
- c. You are not intimidated by the opposite sex.
- d. You are not desperate.
- e. You are more focused on being the right one than on finding the right one.

## 3. Know your own heart

#### proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

#### jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

#### 4. Know the “green light” and go

##### proverbs 18:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

##### proverbs 19:14 (AMP)

<sup>14</sup> House and riches are the inheritance from fathers, but a wise, understanding, and prudent wife is from the Lord.

#### Conclusion

- a. God is jealous for your heart and wants you whole.
- b. Be content with the season you are in and enjoy life.
- c. Guard your own heart and others’ hearts through accountability.
- d. Trust God to lead you when you see the “green light”.