

When you are
single and in the
waiting: By Erica
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Many Christians are still waiting to meet their spouse and get married, and have children. This waiting season is preparation for the next season that God has for us. When you are single and waiting, it is not for nothing. God is working on you and your spouse. He is working within you the character traits that you need to become a godly husband or wife. He may be refining your character and strengthening your faith. He may be preparing you to be a godly wife or mother or a godly husband or father. This is a process that takes time. But when you have gone through the process, you will be ready to meet your spouse and get married and have children at God's perfect timing.

When you are alone and single, there are some things you can work on. You can work on bettering yourself and your relationship with Christ. You can find your purpose in life and use your gifts and talents to serve others. You can do what God has called and created you to do for Him and His glory. You may not know what your calling and purpose is. But if you ask God to show you, He will reveal to you what He wants you to do while you are single. He may want you to overcome a certain bad habit or addiction that you struggle with. Maybe you drink a lot of alcohol or smoke or cuss or

curse a lot. Whatever that may be, God wants to deliver you from that bad habit. He wants to free you from your past and past mistakes and failures.

Sometimes, we allow things from our past to hold us back from what God wants to do in and through us. Maybe we are not willing to let go of a past relationship or a bad habit because we love it so much. Maybe because it fills a void in our hearts and lives, and we feel empty without it. But only Jesus Christ can fill the emptiness inside that a person or thing cannot. We may just need healing from our past and from trauma for us to move on and move forward.

Only God can heal those parts of us that need to be healed and delivered. We just need to allow God to work in and through our lives and transform us. We may not need to go back to what God has delivered us from because we have experienced true freedom in Christ. The enemy wants to come in and try to get us to go back to the dog's vomit. When I mean the dog's vomit, I am talking about a past addiction, or a past bad habit, or a past relationship. God has freed you from your past, and He has closed doors to certain things and people in our lives.

We should not want to go back to those things after we have been healed and delivered. Ask God to help you not to go back to the past, but to focus on the present day. Ask Him to help you to focus on Him, then when He sees you are ready He will bring you a spouse. And not just any spouse will He bring you, but the right spouse who is sent from Him. Waiting is worth the wait rather than settling for the wrong person. When God sends the right person who is sent from Him, you will know it. That person may not be perfect, but they will be right for you. Both of you will work together to fulfill a God-given purpose and potential. You will serve God together.

When you come to Christ, you become a new man and the old things are behind you and the new come. So, wherever you go back to an old addiction, or a past sin or a past relationship, we allow the enemy to come back to torment us either in our minds or thoughts. That is where it all starts. We are allowing the enemy to have his way in our lives when we keep doors open to him. But when we close those doors, we do not give access to the enemy. We can learn to say no to our sinful desires. We do not have to give into sin or the devil. We can resist him and his temptations to sin. Ask

God to help you to do that and He will. He will give you the grace and strength to overcome sin and temptation when you ask Him.

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

1 Corinthians 15:57 says, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."