

Journey of Singleness: By Erica Jermanus

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Chapter 1: What you can learn from singleness

The first thing that you will learn from being single is patience. You will have to be patient with waiting for God to send you a spouse at the right time. It is not always easy waiting. There are days when you will want to be with your spouse, get married, and have children if you have that calling. God will use your season of singleness to prepare you to be a godly wife or husband that you need to be for your spouse and children. It is a process of refinement, growth, and maturity. God will shape and mold you for the roles of a wife, husband, mother, and father. He will heal the parts of you and your spouse that need to be healed from your past relationships and sins. He will build and strengthen your character and your faith so that when you and your spouse come together you will be ready.

Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

God will also teach you how to have a servant's heart and how to be obedient to Him in the season you are in. He teaches us obedience through the things that we suffer for Him. Whenever we suffer, it draws us closer to Him and our purpose. God uses our suffering to

prune us so that we can bear more fruit and become more Christlike. When you are single, you will learn to be patient and to wait on God for a spouse. You will learn to not settle for just any man or woman out there in the world, no matter how good they may look to be. There are many counterfeits out there that are sent by the enemy. The counterfeits come disguised as Christians, but are really not. They are hiding behind a mask. So we need to be aware of the people that come into our lives sent by the devil to deter us away from God and our calling and purpose.

When you are single you will learn what truly matters to you and what does not matter. You will learn that it is about serving Christ and His kingdom and doing His work on this earth. You will not want to hang out with certain people because you value your time with the Lord and fulfilling your calling and purpose. The enemy will use distractions to try to get you off track with God and your purpose. The enemy will try to send distractions in various forms. When you start to drift away from God and your purpose, you will end up coming back again. You will not want to watch television or listen to worldly music because you want to protect your spirit and your ear and eye gates. You

will want to guard your heart, ears, and eyes from the things of this world. You will only want to listen to music that glorifies God.

In your season of singleness, Jesus Christ will teach you about temptations as a Christian. We all are still a work in progress. There are times when we give in to temptations because we allow our flesh to rule over us and get in the way of what God wants to do in and through us. We may be tempted to lust after another man, or to give into a food craving, or to commit sexual sins. That is when we may need to recognize where we went wrong, repent, and ask God for forgiveness.

It is a daily process of becoming more like Christ and becoming transformed into His image and likeness. We are going through the process of sanctification and becoming more holy and set apart for a purpose. Jesus Christ resisted temptations when He was in the wilderness fasting for forty days and forty nights. He was hungry. The enemy tempted him three times. Jesus Christ fought back the temptations with the word of God and the devil left Him. Jesus Christ teaches us to do the same whenever we are tempted. We can fight back temptations with the word of God and prayer. We

are not perfect, but we strive to be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is. We will stumble and fall from time to time, but we pick ourselves back up again and repent.

In your single season, Jesus Christ will teach to keep your purity and wait until marriage to have sex. You will know your value and worth is not in a man or in sex, but in God alone. We all have an identity and purpose on earth. We all are created to glorify God. Sex is meant to glorify God in marriage. Sex was created to be in the confines of marriage, not between a boyfriend and girlfriend. Be okay with remaining abstinent and waiting until marriage to have sex. The right man will love you not for your body, but for your heart and soul. The right man will be willing to wait for you and for marriage to have sex. The right man will not force you to have sex against your own will. He will respect you and your purity. You will respect your purity by waiting on God and marriage as well. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 says, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

In your single season, Jesus Christ will teach you to appreciate the small things in life and to give thanks for

what you have. It can be so tempting to want to complain and become bitter because things are not going our way or because we are having a bad day. But not everything in our life is bad. There is something good in every day. We just need to learn to appreciate the good in every day. There is so much to be grateful for.

The fact that you woke up today to a new day and have life and breath in your lungs is a blessing and gift from God that we take all for granted. God is not done with your life. He still wants to use you for His glory and kingdom purpose on earth. He still has a plan for your life. So think of ways that you can give thanks to God and smile because you get another day to serve God and fulfill your purpose. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

In your singleness, Jesus Christ will teach you servanthood and how to serve Him by serving others. He will show you your unique gifts and talents that He has given you. He will show you how you can use your gifts and talents to sow into the kingdom of God and to bring souls to Him. He will show you how you can be a

blessing to others in need. In your season of singleness, you will learn how to serve because that is what you do in marriage and when you start a family. When you start a family, you serve your children and your spouse. So God may be preparing you to be a godly wife, husband, mother, or father. He will do that by preparing you to serve in some capacity.

You may not know what God wants you to do or how He wants you to serve, but He will show you what His will is for your life. He will show you what He wants you to do for His kingdom. Allow Him to lead and guide you and speak to you. We just need to be open to hearing His voice and be obedient to His instructions on what He wants us to do with our lives. You may be led to serve at your church, or serve online by starting a YouTube channel or a TikTok making videos and preaching the gospel. You may be led to post on social media to encourage others. Or you may be led to serve by evangelizing at your job or school on breaks and lunches or in your community. The Holy Spirit will show you what He wants you to do to serve. Ask Him what His will is for your life.

Ask the Lord what your calling and purpose is. We are all called to serve in some way, and we are all called to

glorify God. So you can find ways to glorify God with your unique gifts and talents. You will know what your calling is because it has to do with something that you love to do. You will have a passion for something, and it will be a gift that God has given you. You have at least one gift or talent that God has bestowed upon you since you were young. We are all called to create for the kingdom of God. Whatever we create is to draw people to Christ. Whether we are creating music, or books, or videos. Whatever it is, do it for the glory of God. Do it to serve Him and others with the strength that God supplies.

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

The Holy Spirit will use you in mighty ways that you never thought could be possible. He will give you an anointing on your life. But we have to be willing to be

crushed to get the anointing. We go through trials and tribulations and that is how we get more of the anointing to do the work of ministry. The enemy does not want you to walk in your purpose because He knows that there are souls tied to your ministry and destiny. There are people that need what you have to offer them. You are making an impact on others and their destiny.

The devil does not want us to reach our highest potential and our destiny. But that is when we need to just step out in faith and do what God has called us to do. We just need to take that step of obedience toward reaching our goals and dreams that God has put in our hearts. Those goals and dreams are from Jesus Christ. He wants us to step into all that He has for us. So part of being single is working on yourself, developing your skills, and finding passion and purpose in life.

When you are single, you will want to cherish those moments you spend with God in His presence listening to Him. You will want to hear His voice so you can get guidance, wisdom, and instruction from Him on what He wants you to do for His kingdom. He may have you go to a new place you have never gone before. He may

have you explore new options. He may have you explore different gifts and talents that you never thought you were good at. You will find new ways to serve and to give back to others. Your gifts and talents will begin to multiply. God will grow your platform. He will use you to produce fruit in you and to bring people to Christ. You may start off with one gift or talent and then you end up with more than one because you were faithful over the few things He gave you to do.

Matthew 25:21 says, "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Luke 16:10 says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

When you are single, you will value your time with God. You will want to spend time talking to Him, listening to Him, and reading the Bible. Then, you will want to apply what you have read from the Bible to your daily life. You want to be obedient to God with the gifts and talents He has given you. You will have a servant's

heart. You will want to serve the people around you, including your spouse, children, coworkers, classmates, friends, family, etc. You will want to share the gospel with others and tell others about Jesus Christ.

John 10:27 says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 14:15 says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Chapter 2: What you can learn from a break-up and counterfeit relationships

The first thing that you learn from a break-up is that true love is not found in a man, woman, or a relationship. It is found in Jesus Christ alone. You will not want to settle for just any man or woman out there because of loneliness and desperation. You will know your true worth and value. You will be willing to wait on God and His timing for the one that He has for you. The next thing that you learn is that you need to heal from your past and past relationships. You also learn the will of God for your life and that not every man or woman is

in the will of God for your life. So you will learn to let people go and relationships go that were not the will of God or meant to be.

Next, you can move on by distancing yourself from people from your past. You can change your number, block their number, or unfriend them on social media. This will help you to heal and to move on. What also helps you to heal is time. The longer you go on without these people in your life, the easier it will be to move on from those people. Then, you will want to start over new. You will begin to want to work on yourself and better yourself. You can ask God to help you to heal from a past relationship or person. You can ask Him to deliver you from the soul ties you had with a particular person. He will begin to work on you, changing you and making you into the person He needs you to be.

Another thing you learn from a break-up is to not be unequally yoked with an unbeliever. You want to be with someone who shares the same interests, morals, and values as you. You want to have common ground with each other. You do not want to be with someone who does not share the same beliefs as you. You want to make sure you are compatible with this person. So

you will be willing to wait on God for that man or woman who God has destined you to be with from before you were born. God already had the right mate or partner already planned out for you. He knew who you would marry and who your children would be. So we just need to trust in Him and His timing when it comes to waiting on a spouse and children.

2 Corinthians 6:14 says, “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”

Jeremiah 1:5 says, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

When you get out of a relationship or a break-up, you learn not to settle or jump around from one relationship to another. You are willing to stay single for as long as it takes. You are willing to wait on God for the spouse that God has preordained and destined for you. You learn that settling for a counterfeit is because you have soul wounds that have not been healed. You want to

make sure you are healed before you get into a relationship with another person. You want to make sure that your next relationship is your God-ordained spouse that God has handpicked for you.

When you get out of a relationship, you want God to heal the deep parts of you. You may also want to get deliverance from certain bad habits and addictions. You do not want to carry these things into your next relationship or marriage because it will bring ruin and destruction. You want to be free from all trauma, abuse, and neglect from your past and from past relationships. You want God to prepare you and shape and mold you into the person you need to be for your spouse and for marriage.

When you get out of a relationship or break-up, you will want to reconnect with friends and family or meet new people by placing yourself in new environments. But make sure those environments are healthy and make sure those people are sent by God. Ask God for discernment on whether a person is from Him or not. A person who is from God will love you unselfishly. They will not be perfect, but they will be right for you. Those people sent from Him will care about your overall

well-being. They will have the love of Christ within them. They will want to see you win in life.

The right people in your life will want to see you happy, and they will want what is best for you. When you are hurt, broken, or sad, they will also share in your pain and sorrow. When you are happy, those people will share in your joy. Those people are God-sent and God-destined. You will know it because God will reveal the people who are from Him. You will not have to second guess it.

But you do not want to settle for the wrong person, whether that person is a romantic relationship or a friendship. You want to make sure you are involving God in all your decisions. Ask God if you should talk and hang out with certain people in your life. Because not everyone is for you. Not everyone wants the best for you. Some people are envious of you and your walk with Christ. Some people want to see your downfall. So we need to ask God for discernment to discern who is sent from Him and who is not. He will reveal that to you in His right timing. Then, you know who to let go of and who to keep in your life.

Chapter 3: How you can find God in your single season

Many people have already found Christ and have become Christians. They may have just backslidden or fallen into sin or away from God. They may not be on fire Christians. Maybe they were on fire for God at one time, then they stopped because they got caught up with something or someone not of God. There are Christians who may go to church on Sundays, but the rest of the week they go to the bars and clubs and get drunk and high. They are not living a sober lifestyle. There are Christians who live with their boyfriends and girlfriends and sleep together. This is called fornication, and it is a sin that leads many Christians to hell if not repented of.

Many Christians are living an ungodly and unholy lifestyle. These Christians may need to confess and repent of the sins of their youth and ask God to cleanse and purify their hearts and minds. They may need to let go of their former way of living and the people from their past. These people are holding them back and keeping them in bondage to their sins and to their past. God may want to do work on the inside of these Christians. He may want to change their heart, and

their desires. He may want to put His Holy Spirit to live within them. But they have to want to change and they have to want to go to God with their sins. These Christians cannot come to Christ unless the Father draws them to Him.

Heavenly Father desires that we have a deep, intimate, and personal relationship with Him. He wants us to draw near to Him, and He will draw near to us. He wants us to be completely real, open, and vulnerable with Him. He wants us to talk to Him about everything we are going through. He wants to hear our hearts and our desires. He wants to give us our heart's desires when we come to Him with our requests. He cares about every little detail of our lives. God wants to help us with what we are going through. He wants to be our strength, our lead, our guide, our counselor, our protector, our defender, and our provider.

A Christian who has backslid may need to recommit their life to Christ. They may need to come back to their first love. When they first gave their lives to Christ, they were on-fire Christians. They were reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, and serving God with their lives. But then, they stopped doing those things, and they fell

away from the faith and from Christ. These people may have started hanging around the wrong crowd of people. These people in their lives influenced them to sin and rebel against God. The Christians turned their backs on Jesus Christ and stopped following Him. So they may need to return again and repent.

Christians cannot come back to Christ on their own without the help of the Holy Spirit drawing them back again. Luke 15:3-7 says, “And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.”

Every Christian has a testimony to share with others about how they came to Christ. Not everyone grew up a Christian. Many were raised in a dysfunctional home

and family. The Holy Spirit has brought revelation, insight, and understanding to the believers' lives for them to come to the faith. A veil has been removed from their eyes. Now they can see spiritually and are no longer blinded by the enemy and his lies. God has done a transforming work on the inside of them. He has changed their desires to his desires. He has changed their hearts and minds. The Christians lives have changed completely. They have become a new person and creation in Christ Jesus.

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."

Chapter 4: How you can find purpose in your single season

When you are single, you can find purpose by first asking the Holy Spirit what you're called to do for Him. Ask Him what His will is for your life. Ask Him what He wants you to do for His kingdom and glory. He will reveal it to you, whether that is through the word of God or through a still small voice or through another person. We just need to be willing to wait on Him for the answer

that we are looking for. He will respond to us at the right time. Trust in Him. He knows how to speak to you and answer your prayers in His right timing. Be patient with Him. He will come through right on time.

Once you hear back from God and you get an answer from Him, then go ahead and step out in faith and do the things He is calling you to do. It may look scary at first. It may look hard or difficult. You may not want to do what He is asking you to do because of the circumstances. But just take a step of faith and do it anyway. You will be happy you did once you do it. We may just need to walk in obedience and take a step of faith in the direction God is leading us to go. God will reward us for our obedience when we are faithful to doing what He is calling us to do at the time He is calling us to do it.

God may be calling you to quit your job to go into full-time ministry. He may be calling you to start a business or to move to a certain city, state, or country. That may not make sense at the moment. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Sometimes, we just have to do the thing we are most scared of doing. We will not see the good from

that thing until we step out and actually do it. It may be something so small or it may be something big. God has a plan and purpose for that thing He wants us to do or that place He wants us to go. We just need to trust Him and be obedient to Him when the time is right.

Many Christians work nine to five jobs, but they have lost a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. They do not truly love or have a passion for what they do. They are just working for a paycheck or for the money so that they can pay bills and put food on the table. But I want to tell you that God has a greater plan and purpose for your life. He wants to use you for His kingdom and glory. He wants you to serve Him with your unique gifts and talents, and not just work a nine to five job. These jobs do not matter for eternity. It is what is done outside these jobs that will have eternal rewards and have an eternal impact.

If you do not know what you are called to do, I want to encourage you to ask God what gifts and talents He has given you to steward well for the kingdom of God. You are called to preach the gospel and bring souls into the kingdom of heaven. The enemy wants to try to stop you from using your gifts and talents and bringing glory

to God. He will try anything He can to attack you so that you do not do what God has called you to do. But that is when we just need to be obedient to do it anyway. We will reap eternal rewards and blessings because of our obedience to God and His kingdom.

