

"Two Are Better than One"

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV) says, *"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.'"* These are words spoken by our all powerful Heavenly Father. If He has said that it is not good for man to be alone, then we have no other choice but to take Him at His Word. It is clear on all accounts that He did not intend that a man should be without a wife. This is not meant to tear someone down or to say it's wrong to choose not to get married. But marriage is about God's intention for the family unit. It's about the benefits of two people making the decision to be committed to one another through the love of Jesus Christ.

The advantages to companionship are immeasurable, but there are many people that desire to remain single. Of course everyone has the right to make up their own minds as to what's best for them, but sometimes, particularly when it comes to men, many of them would like to remain single for selfish reasons.

One of the get-realisms of our day and time is the fact that there seems to be more single women looking to get married than single men. This in many instances has given our male counterparts an unfair advantage. It is unfair in the sense that many men have used the excessive numbers of eligible women to justify staying single far too long. Men will go on to acquire financial stability, often choosing to indulge themselves in selfishness without giving serious thought to what God desires for their lives.

Men who philander about like this are typically not all that concerned with words like destiny and purpose. They want as many conquests as they can handle, and many of us women are far too willing to take part in this game. If a brother is of the mentality and attitude that it's perfectly acceptable to date and have multiple relationships with women at the same time, no woman on earth can change his mind. We fool ourselves into thinking that we can, but any person who would devalue other human beings in this way is beyond recognizing his own worth; and therefore is not apt to recognize anyone else's.

Another get-realism is the fact that there are more spiritually astute Christian women these days than there are Christian men. There are many men who believe in God through our Lord and Savior, but some of them don't seem to have the heart for God that women do. This was certainly not the Father's intention. But even with this disparity in spiritual maturity, God wants women and men, husbands and wives, to learn how to love each other in the spirit, and to praise and worship Him together. This is why it's so important to honor and desire the union of marriage. Look at Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message)

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Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Men and women were meant to work together to share in the abundant life that Christ made available. What's the purpose of working to gain success, to only take pleasure in the benefits alone - what legacy are you leaving by doing that? Ecclesiastes 4: 8-12, explains it all so well:

⁸ *There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.
There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.
"For whom am I toiling," he asked,
"and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?"
This too is meaningless—
a miserable business!*

⁹ *Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:*
¹⁰ *If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*
¹¹ *Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?*
¹² *Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

It is humbling for the woman to know that she was created from a man's rib, but it should be equally humbling for a man to realize that God has given him a help mate for a reason. There's nothing that two married people can't accomplish together. They can help each other succeed in life, and they have the honor and privilege to teach their children the Word of God and to bring them up in the admonition of His love through Jesus Christ. What could be better than that?

In this day and age that we live in, it's to your advantage to pray to God for a Godly mate, someone to build a life together; someone who's going to have your back in every situation and circumstance. There is victory in two of the Father's children joining together in His Holy name, learning to walk together and live out their lives in service to Him. There's power in two Christian folks standing together, they're a mighty force to be reckon with. This is one of the main reasons why the adversary would love to see more single folk than a family knit together in the Love of Jesus Christ, because he knows the power of unity.

We live in a ruthless world, where nowadays people would rather love themselves and their money than to partner with another in the love of Christ. We live in a time where people act

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religious, but they are entirely void of Godliness. That's why you must be careful, my beloved Sisters, that you don't accept less than what God has for you. And never, never lose faith, because if you desire to be married to a worthy man, the Father's will is for you to be married as well. He wants it more for you than you do for yourself. So be wise and discerning, and don't lose heart. God has a man for you, and He will see to it that you have a marital union that is strong, loving, and *not quickly broken*.●

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