

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) - 18 The LORD God said, “It is **not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (NLT) 7 But I wish everyone were **single**, just as I **am**. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. **8** So I say to those who aren’t married and to widows—it’s better to stay unmarried, just as I am. **9** But if they can’t control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It’s better to marry than to burn with lust.

1 Corinthians 7:32–35 (NLT) - 32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord’s work and thinking how to please him. **33** But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. **34** His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. **35** I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

Maybe dating isn’t our **problem, deciding** is.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV) - 19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you **life** and **death**, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

DECIDE WHO YOU'LL BECOME

Ruth 3:11 (NIV) - 11 And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. **All the people** of my town know that you are a woman of **noble character**.

Proverbs 31:10 (NIV) - A wife of **noble character** who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Ruth 2:1 (NIV) - 1 Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of **standing**... whose name was Boaz.

DECIDE WHO YOU'LL CHOOSE

1: Do they love Jesus? — 1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) - 14 Do not be **yoked together with unbelievers**. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2: Do they have godly character? — Ruth 3:11; Proverbs 31:10;30

3: Are they wise and teachable? — Proverbs 12:15; 19:20

4: Are they faithful and trustworthy? — Proverbs 20:6

5: Are they moving in the same direction as you? — 2 Corinthians 6:14

6: Can they love sacrificially and honor covenant? — Ephesians 5:21–33

7: Is there genuine desire and affection? — Song of Songs

Proverbs 27:12 (NIV) - 12 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but **the simple** (don't be simple) keep going and pay the penalty.

DECIDE HOW YOU'LL DATE

Dating is a PROCESS to move through, not a STATUS to sit in

Song of Solomon 8:4 (NLT) - 4 Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, not to awaken love until the **time is right**.

1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV) - 25 Now about virgins: I have **no command** from the Lord, but **I give a judgment** as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

DECIDE YOU'LL NEVER QUIT

Proverbs 31:10 (NIV) - 10 A wife of noble character who can **find**? She is worth far more than rubies.

Proverbs 31:30 (NIV) - 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Ruth 3:3 (NIV) - 3 Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor...
