

FindersKeepers

### **What are some of the goals of relationships? PURPOSE**

Companionship

Help

Genesis 2:18 *It is not good for man to be alone, I will make him a helper fit for him.*

Multiplication/Fruitfulness

Genesis 1:28 *Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion...*

Worship

### **How do I decide whether or not I should get married? COMMITMENT**

Purpose-Would my calling be served by my singleness?

(Or would a family be served by my calling? )

I Cor. 7:17

I Cor. 7:32

EX. Paul,

EX. Jesus

Lifelong Celibacy

**Dating can foster relational maturity.**

### **How do I determine when I try to find a mate? TIMING**

Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it. He told him you may eat of every tree Obedience to the word of God

Before God gave Adam Eve he gave man a job to do and a rule to obey. Then God gave him a companion.

Establish your career before you build a house. Proverbs

### **How do I find a mate?**

Lessons from Genesis 24

Heritage/Tradition-How did your father and mother approach it? Did it agree with parameters in the word of God? Was it God honoring?

The environment will relate to the ethos (character, personality).

Prayer

Proverbs 19:14 *A Prudent wife is from the Lord.*

Choice

\*Story of when I knew I was ready to date...who I dated. How my husband approached me. RESUME-SALVATION STORY-PRAYER--PHONE CALL TO MONICA.

GRADUATE SCHOOL-NO ONE TO COME HOME TO-PHONE CALLS TO EDITH?

IMAGES OF A WOULD BE MATE? REPRIORITIZED IDEAL MATE

**What am I looking for in a mate? CHARACTER**

**Are there guidelines for dating? CONDUCT**

Rules of Engagement

Fellowship—mutual caring and ministry in the body of Christ

Hanging out publicly and having fun

Service—intentionally and cheerfully helping those in my sphere of influence

Submission—me in the hands of someone else

Confession—exposing faults without fear

Prayer—talking to God, listening for his answer

Worship—public and intimate