



Single and Hating It:

This one is for the ladies!

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Archenemy

There are many interesting books in the bookstore at my church and I've read most of them...well, except for one – "Single and Loving It". I have no idea why they ordered it – maybe to irritate me! I have never read the book but the title alone irritates me. Whenever I go into the

bookstore, I gaze at it as if it's my archenemy. Only this book and I know about my inner struggle with it...each time I see it, it screams, "*You are single and you should love it. Why aren't you loving being single?*" Do you know how old I am? I won't go any further with this question because my mother always tells me a woman never reveals her real age. Way to go mom...I don't even know how old I am anymore! All you need to know is I'm in my mid 30's, sitting patiently wondering why I'm not loving being single!

The Lesson on Singleness

Come on now - who is single and actually loving it? Don't get me wrong – I believe everyone has to become successful in his or her singleness before getting into a serious relationship. I believe individuals in their teens and early twenties shouldn't get involved in serious relationships. A friend of mine once asked me "When you were a teenager was your primary focus finding a job or getting your high school education?" I looked at him wondering if he knew how old I actually was – because if he did, he would know that he was sending my mind way, way back to answer his question. I told him my focus was on getting my high school education to prepare me for my future. He gave me an "I'm proud of you" smile, and for a moment I honestly thought he was going to give me a hug because of my award winning answer!

He then asked me "When you were in your twenties was your primary focus finding a job or finishing your education to prepare you for your future?" I answered, "Finish my education to prepare for my future". He then leaned forward and said, "Why then look for a relationship in your teenage years or in your early twenties when you're not ready for what's involved in being in a relationship...it's all about education. Educate yourself by discovering you and then you'll be ready for a relationship, just like focusing on your schooling which will prepare you for your future career."

It is definitely imperative that everyone becomes successful in his or her singleness. Developing our relationships with friends, with family and enjoy spending time alone – me, myself and I.

Also, this is a time to pursue your dreams, your career – whatever that passion is which burns in your heart – *aside from wanting to get married!!*

The Subway is More Than Just Transportation

I take the subway to and from work. As many of you subway-goers know, there are many advertisements posted in the trains. The trains in my city also have poetry posted – whoever came up with this idea, I praise God for him or her. Instead of my mind being bombarded with just advertisements for 45 minutes, I can actually stimulate my mind with poetry. There is one poem I read years ago which will stay with me forever – “Ah Loneliness, without you how would I know me”. What a powerful statement. To get to know a friend, we would spend time with that person. To get to know a man, who could be our potential mate, we would spend time with him. To get to know God, we would spend time with Him. The same things goes for us – to get to know ourselves, we have to spend time with ourselves.

Now we see the importance of being single. I know that I am successful in my singleness. I have spent many years achieving this goal!

Fertility Specialists

Going back to that book “Single and Loving It”, to be honest, I’m *not* loving being single at my age. Society wonders why a woman at my age isn’t married yet. And the worst of it is being told that I need to find someone because I’ve past childbearing years - that my chances to have children at my age is very low. Suddenly the world has become fertility specialists. And now I have to go find someone – anyone to marry just so I can have children. *That sure sounds like wisdom talking to me!*

Where O’ Where is the One My Soul So Loves?

I want to meet the man that I’m destined to spend the rest of my life with – the man my soul loves – *yes, I love Love!* In the book of Songs of Solomon, Beloved went searching in the streets, asking the watchmen if they knew where the one her soul loves was. OK, I’m not physically out in the streets looking for him nor am I telling you to do so ... but you should read it it’s an awesome love story!

I have been single for far too long. But enough already...I would love to come home, knowing after a hard days work he will be there or will be home soon. I would love to cook for him...well, not every night! I would love to have a check book with both of our names on it – Mr. and Mrs. (the last will soon be given to me). And the list goes on.

Straight from the Birth Canal to a Relationship

I now ask this question to all the single ladies who are over 35, do you love being single? I’m sure some women truly enjoy it. But for those of us who don’t, aren’t you tired of being asked dreaded questions like “Are you married yet?” or “Are you seeing anyone?”, being told “You’re

too picky”, “You need to go out more often”, making you feel as if you’re a menace to society for being single. Society, or should I say the “marrieds” and the “readies” (to be married), both make it seem as if it’s a plague to be single. And they look at you as if you were just diagnosed with a terminal disease. Did these individuals come out from the birth canal and straight into relationships? I rest my case...so stop questioning us, be patient while we evolve into interdependent women (notice I didn’t say dependant or independent), making us ready for our role in marriage!

He IS Out There!

To all the single ladies who are hating it: I know there is someone out there for you. He is your perfect fit – the one God has destined for you. As long as you continue to believe in love, regardless of your age or situation, the power behind your belief will lead your “Love” to you. And unaware you’ll hear a whisper in your ear “Fear not, my queen, your king is here”. Well, he may not say those exact words to you but you have to expect it. Your expectation is the expression of your faith!

My Revelation

My expectation which is the expression of my faith is bringing my beloved to me. In a sense I am single and loving it. Why? Because I’ve been prepared, I’ve learned, I’ve experienced, I’ve achieved, I’ve accomplished, I’ve matured and I know WHO I AM, and how to function in marriage – all this was acquired in my singleness!

Maybe I should just purchase the book and stop fighting it – better yet, I will write a book on the subject!