

## BEING SINGLE BUT SANE

WANTED: THE PERFECT MATE

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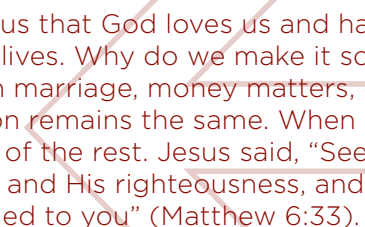


**S**ingles seeking the perfect mate often resort to desperate measures. Some go on blind dates orchestrated by well-meaning friends or loved ones. Others place want ads in local papers or seek help from online dating sites. Sadly, a few look for Mr. or Mrs. Right in all the wrong places—like a bar or nightclub instead of in a Bible study. Adam’s options were limited. After God paraded all living creatures before the man, he saw no “suitable companion to help him” (Genesis 2:20 TEV). God concluded that singlehood was “not good.” What was Adam to do? He might have asked, “How does a single person stay sane while flying solo?” Here are a few tips:

- **Serve God:** Adam was alone, but he wasn’t lonely. He busied himself with God’s call on his life—naming animals. Intimacy with God shaped Adam into the kind of man a woman would want to marry. Adam’s spouse came in God’s perfect timing while he went about God’s business.
- **Stay open:** Is your future-mate wish list realistic? A woman may want tall, dark, and handsome while a man seeks beauty, wit, and charm. Thankfully, God knows what we need more than we do. Leaving the door open for God to foresee the right qualities in your spouse makes it more likely you’ll discover a match made in heaven.



- **Stay prayerful:** No doubt when Adam noticed that all animals came in pairs—male and female—he discussed it with God. Who else could he talk to? God understands your desire for love. He placed it there. Perhaps God used the exercise of naming the animals to awaken a longing for a partner in Adam's heart. Whether you're young or old, pray continually for and about your future mate. Remember "not now" does not mean "no."
- **See the obvious:** The moment Adam met Eve, he knew they were meant for one another. Don't overlook the people you already know. Perhaps your dream-come-true is standing right in front of you, or just around the corner at your job or church meeting. Keep your eyes and heart open. God works in mysterious ways.



The first couple reminds us that God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives. Why do we make it so complicated? Whether in marriage, money matters, or moving plans, the solution remains the same. When you seek God, He'll take care of the rest. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).