

Is He/She Your Blessing? (Pt. III)

My single brothers and sister, for years many have watched the traditions of a man and woman uniting in Holy Matrimony only to possibly see the same couple depart as a result of divorce at a later time. The reason could fall in one of many categories such as abandonment, abuse and/or adultery to mention a few. Reconcilable differences will not be justified by God, but it is the biggest reason for divorce. The divorce rate is higher than ever before and it is steady climbing. The worst part of all is that Christians have the larger divorce rate than our brothers and sisters in the secular community. It makes me ask myself, were they following God's guidelines before the two united and/or were they following God after they united? Yet we (the Christians), continue to unite with possibly the one who is not our blessing. Why? Could it be we never trusted God for the promise He made and we decided to make it happen on our own terms. My single brothers and sisters how do we avoid making the same mistakes. The one you are dating now, "[Is He / She Your Blessing?](#)" Are you following God's guidelines to prepare yourself for that mate? Guidelines! What guidelines? God does not condone unrighteousness (sin)! So the question is what should we be doing until that time when God blesses me with our mate?

The bible says in [Genesis 2:7](#) and [2:22](#), God formed / fashioned man and woman. Don't look or think about your mate, but first ask yourself, "Am I formed / fashioned as a child of God? This is a serious question because many do not have a humble spirit. Some are in denial and some are self righteous! If your answer is no, then you are not ready. If your answer is yes, then ask the same question about your mate to be. The bible says that God formed / fashioned man and woman. Before the fall of man ([Genesis 3](#)), God was the [priority](#). Adam did as he was told because he was [submissive](#). He was [committed](#) to the instructions of God and He was [consistent](#) in getting the work complete! Look at the four words in blue. Do these words describe you (the individual) in your single relationship towards God as a man or woman? In [Genesis 3](#), the priority, submission, commitment and consistency was still there, just towards satan. As a child of God; as a single man or woman are you giving God all you have? Are you doing things His way? My brothers and sisters it starts with you! You and God now and forever!!! When you make Him your priority, when you totally submit to Him, when you are totally committed and consistent in doing things His way, He will give you the blessing of [discernment](#) and you will know whether or not if he or she is your blessing!

So you say you are in tune with the four blue words, well let's look at the other roles we should play before marriage. Read [Genesis 24:62-67](#). Earlier I mentioned the word discernment. Also in a previous meditation, I mentioned [Proverbs 18:22](#) NASB - (22) [He](#) who finds a [wife](#) finds a good thing and obtains [favor](#) from the [Lord](#). In verses [62-63](#), Isaac was [working](#) and in verse [63](#) (discernment) takes place as God leads him to the convoy of camels coming towards him. In verse [64](#) Rebekah saw Isaac (discernment) and dismounted from the camel. She asked the servant in verse [65](#) "Who is the man walking in the field to meet us?" The servant answered "My Master" and she took her veil and covered herself. (It was a requirement that the designated bride veil her face in the presence of her betrothed until the wedding day). Also in doing this, Rebekah demonstrated submission and [respect](#). Have you asked yourself, "why was this woman picked?" Read [Genesis 24:1-61](#). The bible tells us that Abraham, a man of God and the father of many nations told his servant to get his son a wife. Abraham had favor with God and because of the [obedience](#) of the servant, he had [favor](#) as well. In verses [12-14](#), you will notice the servant [praying](#) on behalf of his master and the purpose of his journey. All this led to verses [62-65](#). In verse [66](#), the servant told Isaac what he had done by instruction and obedience. Verse [67](#) and [Proverbs 18:22](#) are very much related. God demonstrates His [love](#) for Isaac and Rebekah by making them as one.

In [Genesis 29:18-22](#), the bible tells us the story about how much Jacob loved Rachel. How much? He was willing to work seven years to become her husband. My sisters, is he willing to work? [Note](#): He is not required to pay your bills until you both say "[I do](#)." [Genesis 29:30](#) tells us though tricked, Jacob was willing to work an additional seven years to become her husband.

Then in the book of Ruth, Boaz (a man of God) asked his servant in [Ruth 2:5](#) "Whose young woman is this" and verses [6-23](#) explains the story. When Boaz saw Ruth, He saw a hard working [beautiful servant](#) woman. In chapter [4](#), God blesses this union.

My single brothers and sisters, including today, you have received three meditations on the consequences for uniting a relationship into one, God's way and your way. Don't be afraid and don't brag on your independency. Remember, God did not attend for us to be alone. But it is o.k. if you chose so. Just remember as a single you have a responsibility towards God. For those who plan to continue to do it their way, not only will it not work, but I pray God's mercy on your soul as well to give peace in the case of heartache. Don't look at other relationships and try to compare! God's word will not go void and besides with God we can't go wrong!

SCRIPTURE READING
JOHN 3:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Trying to justify sin? Ask "Would Jesus Do It."

