

Good News for Your Relationship

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“What Happy Couples Know” starts Friday, April 1
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Whether you’re married or single, how we think about marriage and singleness is important.

“11 Reasons Why I’m Never Getting Married”: (Blog post by Maeve Hayden, student at University of Virginia)

1. I don’t need a partner to feel fulfilled.
2. No matter how well you think you know someone, you will never know them completely.
3. Have you SEEN how expensive weddings are?
4. I look much better in black.
5. I once took a class called ‘Sociology of the Family’ and I’m still mad.
6. I like sleeping in my own queen-sized bed.
7. The institution of marriage has a messy, patriarchal history.
Check out "Christian egalitarianism" in Wikipedia
8. Rings with big stones aren't my style.
9. Why is it the woman who always wears the engagement ring?
10. Marriage used to be important back when sensuality was so policed, and women couldn't have sex before marriage. But now it's 2019.

Questions: Which of these reasons do you agree with? Disagree with? Why or why not?

From the viewpoint of Christianity, to be single means being unmarried and committed to sexual abstinence.

Read Matthew 15:19–20; 5:27–28; 19:3–6, 10-12

Question: What are some truths about marriage, sex and relationships that Jesus talks about in these verses?

Marriage is one woman and one man in an exclusive relationship for life.

God cares who we sleep with because He cares deeply about the people who are doing the sleeping.

Sam Allberry

11. Why does marriage have to be the endgame?

If you want your relationship to last and be healthy, marriage is the best bet.

The good news about marriage and relationship is that marriage is actually the best thing for your relationship!

Read John 4:16–18, 39–40

Question: What opportunities to those around you do you know of to exhibit a response like Jesus did for this woman?