

*Sacred Singleness:  
The Set-Apart Girl's Guide to Purpose and Fulfillment*

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Chapter 7: Marriage Above All Else

*Discussion Questions:*

1. Anything can become an idol if we are not fully planted in God.

*Leslie says, "The Bible is perfectly clear: Anything that captures our heart, time, focus, and affection above Jesus Christ is an idol in our life. The desire to get married is not an idol in a young woman's life, but the obsession with getting married is." P. 96*

Ask God to help you, and examine your heart right now. Is marriage and dating an obsession for you? Do you think about it all the time? Dream about it? Play scenario after scenario in your mind? Worry about when he'll call again or overanalyze every word you say to an unhealthy level?

2. *"One of the ways that you can tell something is an 'idol' or 'other lover' in your life is that you are unwilling to let it go; you can't picture living without it." P. 95*

Using this formula for determining whether marriage and dating are idols, do you believe they are idols in your life?

3. Do you thank God for the desires He has given you to be married and respond by surrendering them back to Him or do you allow those desires to manipulate your choices and emotions? (p. 96)
4. Surrendering your desires to God without becoming obsessed takes practice, and it is supernatural. Review Leslie's list on page 97 of ways you can begin surrendering your desires to God. Which of these do you most need to do?
5. Are you afraid of surrendering your desire to be married because you think you will then not want to get married anymore?

*This Week's Prayer:*

Thank you, Jesus, for the desire you have given me to be married. I know that it is natural, and that it is from you. Right now you are calling me to singleness. Please help me use this time not to be infatuated with men or marriage and making idols out of them, but to be infatuated with you. I know that becoming fully surrendering is a daily laying down of my life, my goals, my desires, and my feelings. Help me, Lord, to do this. Help me to live each day surrendered to you so that I can experience your supernatural peace.

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