

**What does God,
the Father, expect
from me as a single
Asian woman?**



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WHAT DOES GOD, THE FATHER, EXPECT FROM ME AS A SINGLE ASIAN WOMAN?

1. To be His Child

2. To walk humbly before Him

3. To walk in and show His beauty in person, attitude

Three women to imitate:

Rebekah	Genesis 24:16
Queen Esther	Esther 2:7
The bride in Song of Songs	SOS 4:12-15

Two to avoid:

Jezebel	1Kings 16:31
Queen Vashti	Esther 1:11-12

4. To be true to the woman He has made you

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 139; Jeremiah 1:5

5. To celebrate your singleness and be the woman God has made you to be

- Own your identity in Christ and culturally.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

- Own you beauty internal and external

Your adornment must not be merely external braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 1Peter 3:3-4

You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" Song of Solomon 4:7

- Own your Intelligence the is a gift from God

- Own your competence, this too is a gift from God

- Own your education, you are educated for a purpose

- Lead from your singleness

FIVE INCORRECT ATTITUDES TO BE AWARE OF:

- God owes me
- I'm not worthy
- My time has passed
- There is no one for me
- Everyone has someone but me

These lead to:

Bad decisions	Lack of trust
Lowering your self esteem	Anger with yourself and God
Settling	Discouragement and unbelief
Stifling your ministry	

Broad cultural realities to understand and use for you

Passive aggressiveness	Respect for elders and authority
Strong willed	Responsibility for relatives
Conforming	Place family welfare over individual wishes
Structure	Wait to participate, need to be asked
Self-effacement	Socialized to listen more than speak
Do not draw attention drawn to oneself	Modest in dress and behavior
A deep sense of cultural value	

DATESHIP: (Adapted from 21st-Century Love: Introducing 'Dateship' by Owen Strachan)

Realize people have had prior lives, sometimes messy

Prioritize holiness and set boundaries and kimits

Don't look for quick fixes or instant gratification of any kind

Step One: Interested Friendship. Men and women go on dates in a low-key, low-pressure way, but with accountability to others.

Step Two: Purposeful Dating If the first date goes well, keep going with open communication and purpose in mind.

Step Three: Serious Courtship: The couple continues to get together with friends and family and to carefully, wisely get to know one another

SOME SUGGESTIONS

- Keep praying for yourself and for him Luke 18:1
- Continue to allow the Father to love you and prepare your heart Psalm 119:34-36,58
- Put yourself in front of Him for access
- Let go of your fear and trust the Father Matthew 10:36; Philippians 1:14
- Sometimes gentlemen need help to approach you
- Be open and change your list, the most important thing is that He is a brother in Christ and has a job. 1Timothy 5:1-2; 2Corinthians 6: 14-15; 2Thessalonians 3:10-12
- Be happy in your singleness, rest in what God has for you
- Give the Father your loneliness, aloneness and anxiety over this, and don't give the devil an opportunity 1Peter 5:6-8
- Let the Father prepare you to be the wife or husband He desire you to be

ONLINE DATING: SOME ONLINE DATING “HINTS”

- Don't use misleading photos.
 - Be careful about group shots, they may not be able to pick you out of the crowd
 - Avoid the urge to put the photo of you and your newborn grand children
 - Show your face and above all your eyes. Sunglasses hide both your face and eyes.
 - Don't use selfies, or very old photos
 - Use good clear photographs; remember men look before they read
- Don't be afraid to talk about something other than travel, cooking or how much you love Jesus. What makes you distinct? Be honest.
- Don't be pushy or badger. Being aggressive online works does not work, but do ask open-ended questions. Move past the ordinary.
- Don't be unrealistic most guys won't start a relationship until after they meet you face to face.
- Don't be afraid to try new things. Change up your profile and try new things that express your personality? Mature people have conversations about the things they do not have in common. Also, try something new and different for a first meeting or date
- Trust God, God can work through online dating sites. It's true, so answer each of you inquires even if it's a no thanks.
- Don't define yourself by your past. If you've dealt with issues in the past, leave them off your profile.
- Don't over-do anything on your profile. Remember you have limited space to communicate who you are.
- Set up a separate email account until you are comfortable.
- Set up a Google phone number,
- Keep things moving forward, use modern media Face time, Skyping, texting

The scriptures used in this text are from the New American Standard Bible.

The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. **Genesis 24:16**

He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had no father or mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. **Esther 2:7**

“A garden locked is my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up. “Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates With choice fruits, henna with nard plants, Nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, With all the trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest spices. “You are a garden spring, A well of fresh water, and streams flowing from Lebanon.” “Awake, O north wind, And come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance, Let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden And eat its choice fruits!” **Song 4:12-16**

It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. **1Kings 16:31**

The king asked his eunuchs to bring Queen Vashti before the king with *her* royal crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king’s command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him. **Esther 1:11-12**

Now He Jesus was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart. **Luke 18:1**

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. **Psalms 86:11**

Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all my heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies And not to dishonest gain. **Psalms 119:34-36**

I sought Your favor with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word. **Psalms 119:58**

So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. **Matthew 10:31**

Most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. **Philippians 1:14**

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? **2Corinthians 6:14-15**

Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity. **1Timothy 5:1-2**

And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty. **2Corinthians 6:18**

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. **2Thessalonians 3:10-12**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **1Peter 5:6-8**



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