

Being single, I enjoy...

	Strongly agree	Agree	Sometimes Agree	Neutral/don't know	Disagree	Rating Count
The freedom to make my own choices (e.g holidays, when to see friends etc).	22.9% (606)	39.0% (1,032)	22.7% (600)	5.1% (136)	10.3% (272)	2,646
A more peaceful home life, free from conflict as there is no one to argue with.	15.6% (410)	28.8% (759)	23.1% (609)	11.1% (292)	21.3% (561)	2,631
Not having the responsibility to look after someone else.	11.6% (307)	27.2% (719)	24.2% (639)	9.9% (260)	27.1% (714)	2,639
The freedom to plan my future as I like.	17.7% (468)	34.7% (917)	24.8% (655)	8.2% (216)	14.5% (384)	2,640
The space and time to devote myself to faith/prayer.	15.7% (416)	32.4% (858)	29.6% (783)	10.9% (287)	11.4% (301)	2,645
Having the space to devote time to help others or to pursue a ministry.	14.3% (375)	34.3% (901)	27.5% (723)	12.0% (316)	12.0% (315)	2,630
The chance to spend more time with friends and family.	15.2% (401)	35.0% (922)	27.7% (730)	8.4% (222)	13.7% (362)	2,637
Having my independence.	23.8% (629)	41.4% (1,094)	22.9% (605)	4.4% (117)	7.5% (197)	2,642

We want to acknowledge, how you answer the questions above may depend on you specific circumstances e.g. if you are a single parent or carer, please feel free to add your further comments.

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answered question 2,671

skipped question 509

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1	Singles may have more time to give to ministry, but churches aim for married people	Nov 10, 2012 8:07 AM
2	My depression is resulting from being single and having a lack of friends my own age. I am having to seek out new friendship circles outside the church as the church seems to be unable to meet my needs.	Nov 10, 2012 6:09 AM
3	when all your friends are married it's difficult to go on holiday and socialize with them as your the odd one out and most things are geared up in society for couples	Oct 12, 2012 12:18 AM
4	Being single you have a lot of free time - i don't think prayer life would be interrupted if I was in a relationship.	Oct 8, 2012 3:16 AM
5	I am divorced which was not my choice, and I never wanted to be single. However, dating is a minefield and no one is serious enough these days to make a committment.	Sep 30, 2012 6:14 AM
6	Im a single parent who does not get any respite.	Sep 24, 2012 1:32 PM
7	I live in a shared house, which is not always peaceful! I am responsible for the people around me - particularly some individuals at my church and local community. I don't always 'free' to plan my future as I like as I feel I am waiting to meet a partner to plan our life together. I want to share my life with someone and make plans but feel like I'm in 'limbo' because I've not yet met anyone!	Sep 23, 2012 10:54 AM
8	Yes I do acknowledge that being single means certain good things. I think one of the hardest things is my perception of what others think ie always being the odd one out. I know that being in a relationship brings its own challenges. I do enjoy all of the above statements at certain times but also sometimes long for company/close relationship	Sep 23, 2012 3:16 AM
9	I am a single parent to grown up children who live with me. My single status is preferable to my married status, but when the children leave home in a couple of years' time, I would not want to be alone. I would like to think the Church would help me find friendships, but that is not the case in my own Church(es)	Sep 22, 2012 8:12 AM
10	I have children, I am responsible for them, I say I am four. God said marry. I wish to marry. Marriage is not a trap , or prison , It is in my opinion about helpmates, love, sharing and praying together with Christ at the begining and end of it. Conflict indicates life it is not nessesarily bad	Sep 22, 2012 2:23 AM
11	I don't know how applicable these questions are to me. My parents and my two younger brothers have had various problems and also I have had very limited success so far with career/direction. This leaves me with more responsibilities and less options than is normally associated with being single.	Sep 21, 2012 1:24 PM
12	I live with my parents for financial reasons so it's no more peaceful than if I was married and living with husband.	Sep 20, 2012 8:33 AM
13	I am a part-time Personal assistant/carers at the moment.	Sep 19, 2012 8:00 AM
14	I am singleton and live with my elderly parents, so i am single, but not free to do as i please	Sep 18, 2012 3:06 PM

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15	Look, there is no god, so get over all this crap	Sep 18, 2012 7:09 AM
16	Carer of parent	Sep 17, 2012 1:21 PM
17	My late wife and I worked as a team for Christ, my answers above may seem negative but I liked being one half of a Christian couple	Sep 17, 2012 7:34 AM
18	I think the support of another adult is very beneficial, i have children and find it hard to be making all the decisions, and not to get overly anxious about things.	Sep 15, 2012 12:21 PM
19	All the above have their plus points, but it would still be good to have a partner with whom to enjoy events, conversation etc.	Sep 13, 2012 11:00 AM
20	being a single mum, u do feel a certain shame, and being divorced, i hate, esp as I am sure people see that at the top of the page and don't even read down to see who I am.....	Sep 12, 2012 2:27 PM
21	Despite the positives about being single I still would prefer to share my life with some one .	Sep 12, 2012 1:52 PM
22	I love being able to just up and go and do whatever I want without having to co-ordinate other peoples diaries and preferences. I have always been in relationships and this is really new to me and very exciting!	Sep 12, 2012 1:28 AM
23	I am not a parent. My own parents are getting old now so it is nice to be able to have the time to care for them. But also it would be nice to have a husband to help me care for them too and be a support to me.	Sep 10, 2012 2:36 PM
24	do we actually have a 'choice' of being single?	Sep 10, 2012 1:40 PM
25	Being single is really getting me down and sometimes robs me of my enjoyment of being single. I often feel like a failure because I haven't met anyone yet and I worry that people won't want to be with me when they know more about me, especially the fact that I'm a vegetarian. I'm strongly considering eating meat even though it repulses me, just to increase my chances of finding a man. Also the fact that I work shifts including weekends, don't earn a lot and have student loan debt makes me worry that men will be put off wanting to get to know me further. In a very roundabout way my ex-boyfriend indicated that all these things bothered him about me and in the end this just increased my feelings of failure.	Sep 10, 2012 11:34 AM
26	im careful who i let in my life because of my kids	Sep 10, 2012 5:50 AM
27	Just single	Sep 8, 2012 5:56 PM
28	I'm a single parent, so a relationship would provide someone to share the responsibility and worries with. I am happy in myself at the moment, but I want to marry and feel unhappy with waiting to meet the right person. I feel held back from the family life I would like to have.	Sep 8, 2012 5:36 PM
29	I am a single parent to a five, three and one year old so don't have much spare time to do any of the things above but I would love too :)	Sep 8, 2012 12:29 PM
30	For me, being single so...long, i now love to have that man of God, He had created just for me before my birthday in December.	Sep 7, 2012 3:06 PM
31	As a fairly new Christian I think I would want a relationship with another	Sep 7, 2012 3:40 AM

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	Christian but there are certainly very few single men in my church. I am a single parent which is a great consideration when thinking about dating and introducing someone to my son.	
32	Sometimes you want someone to face the world with, rather than having to cope on your own. If all your friends are single, you can spend more time with friends, but once you have friends who are married or have kids, you feel guilty if you get in the way of family time or couple time, plus kids always come first so where you were an important friend, you are now second.	Sep 4, 2012 1:37 PM
33	Single disabled Divorced One daughter grown up and married living 2hrs away Both of us in v rural areas	Sep 4, 2012 1:15 PM
34	I am a single carer and feel these comments reflect the average christians views. I chose to adopt my daughter as a single carer and found we fitted in more when she was younger. Now the church doesn't know what to do with either of us!	Sep 2, 2012 2:03 PM
35	well i'm not single by choice i do need a companion.	Sep 2, 2012 7:11 AM
36	There are some things to be said for being single; however, I feel very sad and lonely, particularly at the weekends :(I wish my boyfriend and I stayed in the same town; we would at least be able to spend more time together. I feel my relationship has gone downhill, as we have grown apart; now we hardly communicate, or see each other...	Sep 1, 2012 2:13 PM
37	I do not want to develop the independent and selfish lifestyle that comes with bei	Sep 1, 2012 2:33 AM
38	Having children, there are always sibling conflicts as well as parental! Having space time to pursue your ministry should not make a difference if you are married, hence having a partner who is like minded and understands your ministry. Its great to have the freedom of not answering to anyone when you are single, but there are times when you would like to be sharing those same decisions, plans, areas of your life with your partner. So its great to be alone but not lonely but there are times when you yearn for a partner. The relationship between parent and child is not comparable to that of a partner and can never be a substitute. Sometimes I am so ready for a relationship but then I think it could be another ball I have to juggle in an already busy modern life.	Aug 30, 2012 11:03 AM
39	I want to be able to share my day to day life and my faith with a like minded person.I fully accept that God's plan for my life might be different from what I would like but being independent isn't all it's cracked up to be.	Aug 29, 2012 11:12 AM
40	Loneliness is a factor in my life which could be filled with friends but as I am over 50 the future is a big concern as to how I will manage by myself - there is not the social family network, the future plans as much, the ability to do things and share costs.... etc. I am not interested in being footlose and fancy free into my old age. I would prefer the responsibility of looking after someone as it would hopefully be reciprocal.	Aug 29, 2012 11:03 AM
41	I am living on my own, both my children have left home now. What I need is someone with whom to go out e.g. cinema, walks, meals etc. As I am working, I am not lonely but I can see this as a problem when retired.	Aug 29, 2012 10:41 AM
42	I have a significant, lifelong physical disability so my independence in impinged on in other ways, for example I have carers in 2-3 times a day, so I	Aug 29, 2012 6:35 AM

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	already have others to consider without including a partner, and value the peace of living alone, as I can have noise and conflict from carers without adding in another person.	
43	I am newly single after separating from my partner of 6 years whom I thought I was going to marry. We lived together for 5 years and at the end I had to move out and I now enjoy living in my own home.	Aug 29, 2012 1:16 AM
44	I don't have a peaceful home life anyway - I spend most of my time round my parents where my divorced brother and his five children live so it's never entirely free from conflict!! On the other hand, my own rented room is extremely peaceful so that is quite nice to have my own space.	Aug 28, 2012 3:48 PM
45	Yes as a single parent, most of the above don't count. But also as a Christian, all the above really depends on how the Lord asks you to fill your time, so I don't feel more or less independent than when I was married but I am much happier being dependent on the Lord than when I am plotting my own course (usually to some disaster!)	Aug 28, 2012 8:59 AM
46	I would like someone to share decisions with - though (from experience!) I know that being single is much better than being married to the wrong person!	Aug 27, 2012 10:01 AM
47	I have always been single so I do not know any different to the life I live. I therefore cannot answer these questions.	Aug 26, 2012 3:30 PM
48	Single young adult. No dependants.	Aug 26, 2012 9:28 AM
49	Although I enjoy my independence and choosing to live my life and spend my money as I wish, having a lack of single friends means my options are limited - cannot go on holidays would want to with others so either holiday on own or not at all	Aug 26, 2012 2:35 AM
50	Single parent to a 5 year old. Longing to find a new husband to have more children.	Aug 26, 2012 12:54 AM
51	I have a 4 year old child so don't really have a lot of freedom to do my own thing	Aug 25, 2012 2:30 PM
52	I have always been single and still live at home with my mum, waiting and praying for Mr Right.	Aug 25, 2012 9:55 AM
53	Although i am single i live with my family so i still dont have the independence of living alone,plus my friend are all married or settled.	Aug 25, 2012 8:32 AM
54	married 32 years to a non christain, and one day God willing i will meet my soul mate in Christ, and be able to share together Gods love.but scared as have been alone now 7 years,my job does not leave me much time,if not at work asleep	Aug 25, 2012 6:58 AM
55	I have been single forever. Have never been in a relationship and have only been on about 3 dates in my life.	Aug 25, 2012 1:30 AM
56	i have kids, so I don't have the benefits of freedom etc. My personal view is that being single is rubbish. I loved being married and having a companion and I really miss that. But it's very hard to find a Christian man!	Aug 24, 2012 7:25 AM
57	I'm committed to caring for my mum several hours a week & I have a	Aug 23, 2012 3:04 PM

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	housemate who struggles with depression & chronic fatigue - so would be good to have some mutual looking after in a relationship! I do sometimes have a bit of conflict at home with a housemate, but this keeps me grounded remembering that it might feel worse if with a partner.	
58	I think if you are unhappy with your life while single the likelihood that you will be totally happy once married is very remote. Marriage has to be about what you can give to another person and not an expectation that they will make you a complete person. It has to be a mutual partnership.	Aug 23, 2012 7:29 AM
59	The idea that because I am single gives me more choices as to how and what I do has not really happened. As a single divorced person with still some responsibility for children my finances are so constrained that choices are limited. Even spending time with family and friends has to be carefully considered as petrol costs are high.	Aug 23, 2012 1:08 AM
60	I was a carer to my elderly mother till her recent death. I found this extremely restricting and frustrating, especially as she didn't like to be left on her own in the house. In my retirement I am very involved in all kinds of community, church and voluntary work. I now find that I can pursue these various ministries without hindrance.	Aug 22, 2012 2:12 PM
61	I am a happy person whether single or not, but am lonely from time to time	Aug 22, 2012 10:24 AM
62	I am a single parent of 2 and so life is pretty stressful and tiring.	Aug 21, 2012 10:51 PM
63	I have no children, and most of my family members (parents, aunts, uncles, etc) have now passed away. I have good friends, however they are all married/ in relationships, and most have children to care for, so single life can be very difficult at times.	Aug 19, 2012 12:22 PM
64	My profession means I'm too busy to enjoy some of these a lot of the time anyway.	Aug 17, 2012 4:40 PM
65	am a single parent with a disabled son so the first few answers reflect that	Aug 17, 2012 12:56 AM
66	Ex-evangelical Christian	Aug 15, 2012 12:55 PM
67	Although it's nice to be able to have my independence, it would also be nice to have the support of a partner, someone to discuss issues with, so I didn't always have to make all the decisions and take all the responsibilities myself.	Aug 15, 2012 6:02 AM
68	having previously been married, I don't think marriage should impact on time with friends/family, time to devote to faith/prayer etc as these are all things that you should be doing together anyway.	Aug 13, 2012 5:55 PM
69	can make one selfish !	Aug 13, 2012 9:15 AM
70	I am a single mum to 2 young children, I also care for a 17 yr old and her 8 month baby. I try to keep a positive outlook, I just feel that single people are looked down on and don't receive the support they need. I make the best of my situation, I am happy. I love God, and am thankful for all the blessings he has given me, I would just love to share everything with someone.	Aug 12, 2012 12:41 PM
71	I don't just see my life in terms of freedom to make my choices, but how I respond to God's call, and also remembering all that He has done for me, and seeing why He has kept me single (to take me through inner healing and	Aug 12, 2012 9:35 AM

	protect me from darkness and self-destruction). I feel that the churches need to recognise that some of us are single for very serious spiritual reasons, that our self-sacrifice in this area is for spiritual reasons, and that when you look at the history of Christianity, the faith has often been spread by single, celibate people. When the churches have not respected singleness and celibacy, Christianity has not grown or thrived. Hardly any contemporary talk of single people in the British churches discusses this.	
72	I don't feel like happiness is dependent on being married, but I do feel that the older you get and my peers get married, there are less people to spend time with and that companionship is missing. It gets lonelier the older you get I think	Aug 10, 2012 1:14 PM
73	When your children have left home it is lonely but after answering the above perhaps the single life is better for me afterall. I do find that older men are looking for someone to look after them and I have done that for most of my life.	Aug 9, 2012 2:47 PM
74	miss the lack of support with caring for my grandson and elderly mother	Aug 8, 2012 11:29 AM
75	my work means i don.t have that much freedom as i always seem to be working or sleeping. being single is one thing having no friends as well since they all moved on when they got married means that being single equates to loneliness in my life,	Aug 7, 2012 7:38 PM
76	single parent	Aug 7, 2012 12:54 AM
77	Single mum of two preschoolers	Aug 6, 2012 9:26 AM
78	As one gets older there are less opportunities to make like-minded new friends who are available to go out and do things.... Mortgages, finance, energy and other considerations also limit how much "freedom" one actually has	Aug 6, 2012 1:04 AM
79	I would like a relationship with a Strong Christian but I have a trust issue because of past relationships so this makes it difficult for me to look for a relationship. There is someone I do like a lot and know he is the perfect person for me but I am struggling to actually put anything into action even though I have been invited upto his home and he is a strong christian. We done a Street Pastor course together and got on really well and have become good friends. I've been praying about it and asking God to give us an opportunity to get together but everytime I get the chance I pull back due to fear it may not work and I'll get hurt again.	Aug 6, 2012 12:20 AM
80	As a widow, I feel the loss of a very good husband and marriage keenly, as well as the loss of a close friend and confidante who knew me very well. I would love to have that back, but I am not sure whether I want all the hassle of getting adjusted to a new person with 'baggage' is something I really want in my life again. I would love to have a partner in life and ministry who could share the load with me though, but am sceptical as to whether this is realistic given my age and personality etc. I would only want it if this was what the Lord wanted for me.	Aug 4, 2012 2:17 PM
81	I am a student to graduate soon, so I guess that applies to becoming independent too!	Aug 4, 2012 1:57 PM
82	I sometimes value support with questions, answers, practical support and encouragement (so important) and am concerned I lean on my grown up	Aug 4, 2012 11:20 AM

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	children for this rather than a partner if I had one in life.	
83	I don't agree with the bottom question as I have five flatmates and I think I'd be far more likely to argue with them than with a partner.	Aug 4, 2012 11:03 AM
84	Being single or married is a direction from God we were all chosen before creation it is Gods will on what our marital status should be.	Aug 3, 2012 3:21 PM
85	Single no children at home	Aug 2, 2012 10:41 PM
86	I think in life when you get to a certain age, you want to share your life with someone, life is for sharing I say. Being single when you are in your 20's might be ok, after that depending on who you are etc, you may want to settle down.	Jul 31, 2012 8:58 AM
87	Single parent	Jul 31, 2012 3:18 AM
88	After several failed relationship both christian and wordly i really do give up even beleiving it. As if god wants me single for a reason.	Jul 30, 2012 3:36 PM
89	im not a parent but i do have a lot of stress by life circumstances family members have been unwell, work is hard and a lot of the time i think it would really help having someone to support me and share it with	Jul 30, 2012 1:03 PM
90	Lifetime single - made it possible to achieve much in work and study, and be a carer for ten years. Now more aware of a gap in my life yet it would alter my life radically to have a relationship. I find it so difficult to be with other people, yet I feel it is a worthy challenge to find out how to live to the full and be 'not single'.	Jul 30, 2012 5:37 AM
91	I am a single parent so the conflicts exist!! If I was in the right relationship things such as planning, choices, space to do things would be something that would be negotiated and worked into our relationship.	Jul 30, 2012 2:41 AM
92	In christian community there isn't a peaceful home life, with no conflict!	Jul 29, 2012 2:00 PM
93	My only child has just moved home so am in transition phase.	Jul 29, 2012 1:01 PM
94	widow. spent 7 year looking after ill husband. much loved. strong faith, 4 small children,	Jul 29, 2012 11:57 AM
95	Always wanted to be married with children but only met lovely men who did not share my faith or Christians I did not love - personal integrity/trusting God for the future means I am still single/waiting - being single was never my choice except by default - so is a struggle to really enjoy - even with positive elements it is deeply lonely/dis-connected and socially negative/disappointing - but as a test of faith it has produced gold so the best is yet to be	Jul 29, 2012 8:12 AM
96	Single parent who did not choose to be seperated	Jul 29, 2012 7:30 AM
97	Have been a carer and community/church worker all my life and now would welcome a little one to one caring and sharing in return	Jul 29, 2012 1:17 AM
98	I am fortunate to be happy being alone and would not be unhappy if I remained single - however, I really would prefer to be married, and trust that it will happen if it is in God's plan for my life.	Jul 28, 2012 3:38 PM

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99	Single at home with folks	Jul 28, 2012 10:14 AM
100	I am a single parent and therefore have all of the stress of a marriage without a spouse. It is a lot of pressure for one person.	Jul 27, 2012 5:26 AM
101	As a single person whose friends are all married or in relationships I have lots of time - but they don't. If I didn't do voluntary work I fear I'd ever do anything. Outside of work I spend most of my time by myself.	Jul 26, 2012 10:37 AM
102	You cite 'Happiness' as a measure. You can buy 'Happiness' many do. You should look to people being Joyous.....that's more God's way.	Jul 26, 2012 6:34 AM
103	Working hours and patterns makes it very difficult to meet other Christians outside my own church.	Jul 26, 2012 1:11 AM
104	I'm VERY close to my family, so being in a relationship, my partner would have to be close to mine too... so being in a relationship never gets in the way of my plans, or family relationships. I'm one of those girls who is independent, but, I actually do not enjoy being single. My best experiences have come from sharing with a partner.	Jul 26, 2012 12:19 AM
105	While I am reasonably happy living on my own, deep down I am lonely and miss the sharing and caring of a relationship and having someone special in my life.	Jul 25, 2012 4:45 AM
106	I argue with my sister quite a lot.	Jul 24, 2012 7:29 AM
107	I live at home with my grandparents, who are very very traditional. "It is not good for a woman to be independent and do things on her own." I resent it slightly, but I live in their house and try to respect their rules!	Jul 22, 2012 1:30 AM
108	I am a single parent, and my singleness is not really a choice, but I can see advantages to both being single and being married.	Jul 20, 2012 2:47 PM
109	being a widow , so forced into being single some of these questions were difficult to answer as although I have more freedom in several areas I'm not sure if it's what I want. I have grown personally in some areas but actually miss having someone to share stuff with. maybe don't know should be my answer	Jul 20, 2012 2:21 PM
110	As a single parent I cannot really benefit from some of the possible benefits of being single. Socially within the church we do not get invited out as a family or by myself as I create an odd number.	Jul 20, 2012 1:56 PM
111	These are all true, but do not mean that singleness does not bring its own problems too!	Jul 20, 2012 3:10 AM
112	St John said 'those who are in the light, as he is in the light, have fellowship with one another. How can we have fellowship when single Christians do not meet one another.	Jul 19, 2012 12:31 PM
113	I have no family. I am currently not devoting any time to helping others in ministry.	Jul 19, 2012 9:44 AM
114	I have an elderly mother and grandchildren who take my time	Jul 18, 2012 1:09 PM
115	I am not a single parent or carer, I have never been married.	Jul 18, 2012 8:37 AM

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116	Its hard being single has many positive aspects but I don't think you lose independence or being able to develop a ministry when married.	Jul 17, 2012 12:52 PM
117	as a single man i have been involved in carrying for a lady for some time it didnt efect my options	Jul 17, 2012 4:47 AM
118	I enjoy the benefits of being single - independence etc BUT it would be nice to be able to share things with someone (other than friends and family who have their own 'someone')	Jul 17, 2012 4:09 AM
119	I agree mostly with what the above entails as a single person, but that doesn't negate the fact that I would greatly prefer to be married than single and am generally not happy with my singleness.	Jul 16, 2012 4:41 PM
120	Still getting used to being on my own after having a vey happy marriage	Jul 16, 2012 1:09 PM
121	although i enjoy my freedom i do not feel free as i am tied to my children. i dont feel i have the oppertunities to meet anyone or get out and do things.	Jul 16, 2012 10:06 AM
122	I have taken few proper holidays since divorce 8 years ago as singles holidays and single supplements are so expensive and most friends have partners but I have been able to go on a Rwandan mission trip on my own.	Jul 16, 2012 9:14 AM
123	I do enjoy all the above but I would prefer adult company!	Jul 16, 2012 7:53 AM
124	A lot of these things presume that you can not be independent and devote yourself to prayer within a relationship...you can, its just different.	Jul 16, 2012 6:02 AM
125	At the time my caring responsibilities take up a huge part of my time ... so when I can some down time i like to have freedom to just chill and not feel any pressure to be with someone	Jul 15, 2012 1:44 PM
126	I still have the responsibility of looking after my child	Jul 14, 2012 2:07 PM
127	As a single mom I get tired and bored of just talking to the kids. Would love to share my life with a husband again.	Jul 14, 2012 12:43 PM
128	Single parent raising a son and daughter on my own, with no other family members in the uk and no paternal financial support for my children. Being part of the pentecostal church is the best thing that happened to me as I am learning about the value of the word and intervention of God in my life; although I still have questions which I hope God will answer in due course, by His Grace.	Jul 14, 2012 7:51 AM
129	Currently caring for my father.	Jul 14, 2012 6:59 AM
130	I choose to be a carer of a sibling, so I have those responsibilities. My life is still very busy at times. It is a myth that the single life is care-free.	Jul 14, 2012 3:26 AM
131	I loved being married as I was happy and marriage was fulfilling for me as a person but now I am a widow I am adjusting to being single which also has its healthy challenges but i do miss being married.	Jul 13, 2012 11:40 AM
132	Being married for 34 years and being part of a couple I do miss the company and sharing with a significant other.	Jul 13, 2012 5:09 AM
133	Live with parents, so still don't really have a space of my own. Really yearn to make a 'nest' with someone and settle down and have children. I would	Jul 12, 2012 11:27 PM

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	like to be away from my parents now, to be able to make more of my own decisions and be more independent. To do that with a partner, not still be in the role of a child.	
134	I care for my elderly father who lives 70 miles away. I also help by babysitting for my three daughters' young children.	Jul 12, 2012 1:26 AM
135	Never met the right lady	Jul 11, 2012 2:17 PM
136	BUT, No one to share responsibilities, decisions, discuss everyday life with. etc.,	Jul 11, 2012 1:36 PM
137	have a child so dont really have freedom anyway - would rather have someone to shaare my life with	Jul 11, 2012 10:19 AM
138	By agreeing, it sounds like quite a selfish situation, which I would argue against.	Jul 11, 2012 10:15 AM
139	yes	Jul 11, 2012 6:04 AM
140	I look after people in my family and community, Although I am happy to give time to different things I feel that it is assumed by my chuch that because I am single I have endless free time. The reality is different. I have two jobs as I have to pay all the bills. I have to clean and cook and care for members of my family as well as supporting the church.	Jul 10, 2012 12:57 PM
141	being single is fine for a season but when you then feel the time to find a husband/wife is here what do you do?? The christain community in our town is so small and men are not in great numbers!	Jul 10, 2012 10:36 AM
142	let the will of the lord be done in my life	Jul 10, 2012 8:23 AM
143	FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T CHRISTIANS AND THIS CAUSES CONFLICT BECAUSE YOUR PARTNER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD MEANS IN YOUR LIFE. MADE A DECISION A YEAR AGO THAT I NEEDED TO REMAIN SINGLE AND LIVE THE WAY GOD INTENDED ME TO LIVE AS MY LIFE WAS QUITE MESSED UP. NOW FEEL CONFIDENT IF I DATE SOMEONE WHO'S NOT A CHRISTIAN TO WALK AWAY IF THEY HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF FAITH AT ALL	Jul 10, 2012 7:51 AM
144	I haven't answered the above. I have been Widowed and was very happily married. Can I find that right person again? who knows?	Jul 10, 2012 3:40 AM
145	I've given up trying to plan my future God's plans are clearly different to mine but He hasn't told me what His plans are yet. At the moment as well as working I'm the carer for my 92 year old mother and play a large part in the care of my three grandchildren whose mother (my only child) died very unexpectedly four years ago, the youngest of whom has just been diagnosed as high functioning autistic, so would like to meet someone but a bit pushed at present.	Jul 10, 2012 2:36 AM
146	great advantages but also disadvantage of loneliness which could e overcome in the church with a more understanding outlook	Jul 9, 2012 1:43 PM
147	the answers are mostly statements of fact as the questions are not really open to the point of whether I would prefer to be married and not have the advantages	Jul 9, 2012 9:43 AM

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148	Single with no dependents	Jul 8, 2012 2:51 PM
149	I agree with all the statements above. However, if one is loved then these things wouldn't become a problem in a marriage	Jul 8, 2012 8:40 AM
150	Happiness & security must come from your relationship with God first.	Jul 8, 2012 3:04 AM
151	home life is far from peaceful,	Jul 7, 2012 11:28 AM
152	I want to look after someone else and have another person there to conflict with and learn from and share with. I think it's easier to be disciplined in reading your bible, praying and developing your faith if you're doing it with another person.	Jul 7, 2012 9:20 AM
153	Single parent who finds life easier now kids grown to teenagers	Jul 7, 2012 7:27 AM
154	Freedom is only available to one if they have boundaries. If we don't obey instructions from Bible we are slaves to sin. Questions are base in this questionnaire more focusing in self and won't bring a solution or the answers to the issues.	Jul 7, 2012 5:21 AM
155	I know that singleness has got a lot of advantages is you want to be single but I would like to get married. I believe I would enjoy married life and can make it positive experience. I want to appreciate my partner so I don't see the sacrificies I will have to make as negative.	Jul 6, 2012 1:36 AM
156	No comment	Jul 5, 2012 2:46 AM
157	Single but huge responsibility for 2 poorly parents	Jul 4, 2012 2:05 PM
158	I have been widowed for nearly two years after 34 years of a wonderful marriage, but I don't feel old. I would love to find someone to share the rest of my life with. It's been a lonely time these past two years, but I have found a lovely person on Network Christians and hope that we may have a future together.	Jul 4, 2012 12:52 PM
159	I realise that there are times when being single means I don't have to answer to others in my choices.	Jul 4, 2012 11:09 AM
160	I am a single parent	Jul 4, 2012 11:05 AM
161	As the single unmarried daughter of a widowed mother with dementia, I have significant responsibilities. So that question is somewhat moot.	Jul 4, 2012 8:23 AM
162	single with cancer and so on benefits; struggling financially and would love a holiday. Doing a computer course part-time to try to improve my job prospects when I'm fit to reutrn to look for work and to improve my self-esteem/confidence	Jul 4, 2012 7:32 AM
163	I don't mean to sound negative about singleness but I have had many, many years to enjoy it. I do feel like I've done that phase now....(yes today's my birthday). Going holiday is not easy when you're single and your friends are in couples - single supplements are prohibitive in places. I understand the point about the time to devote to one's faith but as I'm looking for a Christian partner so I hope that we would support and encourage each other in our faith. On a practical level, life might be easier with 2 incomes to pay the mortgage.	Jul 3, 2012 3:24 PM

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164	I am a widower having been married for 41 years	Jul 3, 2012 2:28 PM
165	As a single parent (divorced), now they have grown up, I find that serving meals to the homeless, however tiring, is far better than staying in. As often one often doesn't do any of the above because there is no point in a way because one is alone. Whereas having other people around means one has to get up in the morning, one has a schedule, there are jobs to share, and however tiring it might be or boring or whatever, living with someone is far more natural than living alone. And caring for someone may be tiring but one gets far more than one gives. Especially if they are someone we love and care for. To feel we are useful to someone, that we can help someone, share with someone, is far better than being no good to anybody except if we go out. Hence I cannot say I enjoy any of the above. I adapt and have a life and am happy because I know Jesus, but I cannot say life is better single because we were not designed to all live in little boxes alone.	Jul 3, 2012 2:25 PM
166	Having been left with a mortgage to pay I have no opportunity for holidays or much of a social life that involves spending money.	Jul 3, 2012 1:53 PM
167	If being married is outside the personal experience, its perhaps misguided to speculate how happy you would be!	Jul 3, 2012 1:44 PM
168	I try to make the best of the situation i am in but ultimately I would much prefer to share my life with a husband.	Jul 3, 2012 11:01 AM
169	seasons of life too	Jul 3, 2012 9:34 AM
170	God has given me a vision and shared about a work that He wants me to do. I solely want to be married to a lady who is like-minded as myself and who shares the same call so that we are able to walk Gods chosen path together.	Jul 3, 2012 9:26 AM
171	there are certainly positive aspects of being single and indeed accepting one's life as it is. As a widow I miss the companionship and holidays, cultural life so much easier as a couple	Jul 3, 2012 9:13 AM
172	Life is never like a survey!	Jul 3, 2012 7:39 AM
173	I am a widow, so I miss companionship and the friendship I once had.	Jul 3, 2012 7:31 AM
174	Having been married for 20 years, then leaving to live with Richard who died from motor neurone disease in 2005 after 3.5 years together, I am currently single and enjoying my life... I have 2 adult children, 24 & 25, great friends and church family, a job, a nice home - a sweetheart would be the cherry on top of the icing on my cake - if it's God's will...	Jul 3, 2012 7:19 AM
175	Whereas I am independent, I live with a very lively family and take a very strong role in looking after my four year old granddaughter and also her 17 year old sister. This takes up a lot of my time so I feel I am in a different category than most widows of my age. This will reflect in some of my answers.	Jul 3, 2012 4:55 AM
176	I actually find that being single means you do not have time. you have to do the work around the house that two people would normally do. as i work full time i find my time is an upward struggle	Jul 3, 2012 2:29 AM
177	I am single with no children or dependent parents.	Jul 3, 2012 2:20 AM
178	Your life changes when married and you have to learn to share. If you marry	Jul 3, 2012 12:34 AM

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	the right person then this can be counted as a blessing. Too often people think single people live carefree lives but you are alone at some of the most crucial times in your life.	
179	I am a single man, who thinks that he would love to be in a relationship, bringing up a family. However, I spend nearly half my waking life at work, just so that I can stay ahead of the bills (just about)!	Jul 2, 2012 10:36 PM
180	I think I am happy because I am in Christ but I think then I should say joyful rather than happy and therefore if I am single I should be content in that state at present. But in Genesis even God said that it was not good for man to be alone and I would agree - there is a greater joy sharing with someone whom not only are you in love with but united with body, mind and spirit. I am currently seriously dating a fellow Christian after having been bereaved two years ago but dont to be honest enjoy the dating bit much - I was very happily married the first time and look forward to being married again.	Jul 2, 2012 10:06 PM
181	I am a carer	Jul 2, 2012 2:26 PM
182	I am now engaged to a wonderful man and in 6 months we have not yet had an argument!! My friends keep asking me but we get on so well and feel very blessed. He is a Christian and I met him on line. I had seen him on a number of Christian websites but it was actually through a non-christian site that he contacted me. Not sure why I joined it really but I was only on for less than a month! My username was christian so that I would be noticed by another!	Jul 2, 2012 2:05 PM
183	I am not single by choice, having been deserted by my husband I raise our 5 children. However I am very content and grateful that I have peace in my home and safety. I do believe that the love I have invested in my husband will be returned in my life not is I will be single forever. However for now I am not alone, I am soo in love with God and have my amazing children. I see myself as a single wife rather than a single woman has I became a wife when I first married and have gown into that capacity. For now though I am content in myself being single, but not in my life being single.	Jul 2, 2012 1:22 PM
184	sometimes that freedom comes only with a certain income or bank balance... in some ways having a solvent partner would make me happier - more secure, able to better plan my future. But some men are also reluctant to commit to a woman who is not as solvent as they are - whether christian or not.	Jul 2, 2012 1:10 PM
185	Church struggles to be sensitive to needs of single parents. Practical needs, role model needs of children , emotional...	Jul 2, 2012 12:42 PM
186	It's not a choice when you are a single parent - you have to take responsibility, or at least, you should do....	Jul 2, 2012 12:28 PM
187	My life has improved significantly since my divorce so in many respects I have embraced singleness happily for the last 6 years. Singleness was instrumental in building my life after my husband left. However, I have accomplished a lot and would now like to settle back into sharing my life with someone. I would also like to share the role of parenting, as I have a child, and I feel very sad for her that she only has one parent - her father is currently not involved in her life.	Jul 2, 2012 11:51 AM
188	The above depends on many changing circumstances and emotions! Also what is in someways a positive can at others be a negative - For example I	Jul 2, 2012 11:44 AM

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	like not having to check with someone else if they like something for the house, but I would also like it more if I had someone to talk through the decision with... always two sides to the coin. I think singleness is just one aspect of being and whether it is a dominant factor in your happiness waxes and wanes with many other factors. I think the church with some of its teaching and family approach actually makes it into more an issue when it needn't be.	
189	As a single parent, I have inherent responsibilities for my children - ie, there is no choice issue for me in that - whereas, for my ex, apparently there is.....	Jul 2, 2012 11:41 AM
190	single working professional plus a carer =professional multi tasker	Jul 2, 2012 11:33 AM
191	I am a single never been married adoptive mother. I have huge responsibilities but am sometimes saddened that whilst other members of church are supported in order to allow couples to take time out to be with each other no one ever thinks I might like to have some help to be able to go out occasionally! I cannot attend a house group as it is too expensive to get a babysitter and cannot host as my house is too small and my daughter too unsettled to be able to cope anyway. However attending a housegroup is almost seen as being indicative of one's commitment to Jesus. I am very limited in what I can offer in terms of ministry to church as my daughters needs are very great and can be made to feel quite guilty about this.	Jul 2, 2012 11:29 AM
192	Single, childless, living alone	Jul 2, 2012 11:12 AM
193	I don't think that a good marriage would hinder any of the above, I could have the same freedoms even while married as long as my spouse and I work together as a unit.	Jul 2, 2012 11:08 AM
194	I do have health problems, and feel this could be an added difficulty if I wasn't single	Jul 2, 2012 10:57 AM
195	I have been in a relationship now with a Christian man for 15 months - he lives approx 100 miles away - we both work hard during the week and meet up most weekends. I enjoy making decisions together with him, meeting his friends has widened my social life. I have never enjoyed prayer/reading on my own - prefer to do this with others!	Jul 2, 2012 10:48 AM
196	single parent with busy job so not much free time - wish church services had a definite finish time!	Jul 2, 2012 10:37 AM
197	Whilst being single means one can make one's own choices about holidays, going on holiday as a single isn't much fun.	Jul 2, 2012 10:18 AM
198	Single parent (not my choice) ex does everything to scupper my plans by refusing to have the children so difficult to pursue a life outside work and kids which leads to intense isolation and loneliness and depression. Not feeling confident to ask for help in church so now rarely go!	Jul 2, 2012 10:16 AM
199	I am happy being single which the above questions do not necessarily indicate although like on the previous question I disagree that it's a choice it's more me making the most of things. Some include the above but I don't like it when married people ask me the above because yes I can turn these into positives but it would be nice to go on holiday with someone not on my own. It would be nice to see friends with someone. Most couples don't want to see you if you are single so why would more time necessarily be an advantage! as the ministry I would go into is prayer ministry which has to be	Jul 2, 2012 10:11 AM

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	done in pairs - not sure how more time helps? Wow I can plan my future as I like but I can't sell my house as I have 1 income. I can't afford to adopt kids on my own. I can't afford a pension. What a lovely advantage. These questions actually highlight the prejudice singles go through!!	
200	Success in God/life for me means being in the centre of God's Will and fulfilling His Purpose for my life, and I know that that might preclude marriage, but I don't have to be happy about it! Ultimately, of course, I want to follow His Plan for my life, as it's the best.	Jul 2, 2012 10:07 AM
201	My life is so busy with four teens and an elderly mother demanding my attention. It is always good to speak to and make new friends but life is pretty tiring.	Jul 2, 2012 9:51 AM
202	I sometimes feel I would spend more time reflecting on the word if I had a partner to chew over with discoveries in the Bible, devotion time etc. I write a journal, but it is not the same.	Jul 2, 2012 8:45 AM
203	I have less freedom since my dad came to live with me, which has coloured the way I've responded	Jul 1, 2012 8:19 AM
204	As a single parent due to being widowed when my son was 10, I have found singleness to be a challenging status - especially working full-time. I am in a position not of my choosing.	Jul 1, 2012 8:18 AM
205	im a carer right now ived had responsibilitiy most of my life	Jun 30, 2012 5:01 PM
206	I have been single for most of my adult life though not always through choice. I grew up very sheltered in some respects and with an absent father, but craved to have that special person whom I could eventually marry. I have made some mistakes and it took a long time for me to understand what my role is in building the relationship I want.	Jun 30, 2012 1:42 PM
207	I am a 'single' parent.	Jun 29, 2012 12:27 PM
208	As a single parent I have found decision making and singleness difficult at times particularly in terms of the pressure and responsibility needed when caring for children. This has at times felt overwhelmingly lonely and as if my life has been put on hold because I have not got that special someone to share the experiences with.	Jun 28, 2012 2:19 PM
209	I know I'm very blessed to be single-watching my friends marry and have kids helps me to see the grass may be greener on the other side, but its certainly not cleaner.....!!!!	Jun 28, 2012 8:48 AM
210	Single Divorced with no children.	Jun 28, 2012 6:57 AM
211	I am actually engaged having met someone on CC (yay!). I do believe we need to focus on relationship ministry (centred on the triune God) in which we understand that we too are triune in make up with our spirit as identity, soul and body. From that we could branch off into marriage, dating, singles, divorce recovery, widow, family (incl step family) etc ministries.	Jun 27, 2012 4:55 PM
212	AM SINGLE WITH THREE GROWN UP CHILDREN,	Jun 27, 2012 1:52 PM
213	OI am a single parent and work over 40 hours a week so have very little me time after doing the housekeeping	Jun 27, 2012 1:44 PM

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214	I am currently seriously dating a man a met through Christian Connections. He has bought the engagement ring and is moving to my town	Jun 27, 2012 10:22 AM
215	Having freedom to make own decisions is great, but also would be good to have someone to share responsibilities of big decisions-making.. share the excitement of planning holidays, etc.	Jun 26, 2012 12:29 PM
216	All of the above are true, but they are because I don't have anyone, so I am free to do those things, doesn't mean I do them though. I hate the fact I have no one to go on holiday with, I don't really want to go on my own and because I am in my mid 30's most my friends are married.	Jun 26, 2012 12:04 PM
217	I have a lot of responsibilities even though I'm single with no kids, because of the ministries I've chosen to be involved in, so its not like I'm living some flitty free life! And I live with housemates, so there is an element (not the same as in marriage) of needing to compromise and handle disagreements wisely.	Jun 26, 2012 11:05 AM
218	At the start freedom to do things great but then loneliness comes want someone to share the big things and small things, we were not meant to be alone Adam needed eve in bible days a marriage would have been arranged	Jun 26, 2012 9:23 AM
219	I am a single parent who wanted to get married and have more children, however didn't meet anyone in church. This may have been the situation if I hadn't given my life to Christ..... but maybe not?	Jun 26, 2012 2:24 AM
220	It is important to pursue a ministry, help others, make own choices, have no arguments, be independent etc. But been in relationship is growth. How else will I test the fruit of patience, love & endurance. Also practical things like two wages and one set of bills, two people making big decisions rather than one. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 sums up my view on relationships. I am a single mother it has been hard on my own.	Jun 25, 2012 12:32 PM
221	Myself am a widower. Had to care for my wife the last few months before she died It is seen now as a fresh start the problem no one to talk too anymore or discuss joys and problem one has	Jun 25, 2012 9:05 AM
222	I have a son from a previous relationship who is the one thing bar my faith keeping me going and I find these questions about being single hard as I have never wanted to be single it is just a cruel twist of fate that I am :-)	Jun 24, 2012 2:11 PM
223	All of the above are true but I know that solitude weighs heavily sometimes.	Jun 24, 2012 8:18 AM
224	Whilst I can see all these advantages having been married for almost 40 years and single for 2 years I would far rather lose all these advantages and share my life with someone else.	Jun 23, 2012 9:33 AM
225	I hate being put in a labled box. "single". I live my life how it is at the moment. I am not actively seeking to change it but nor am I actively against it changing. I have a very ill Father who lives in a different city and I make time to go and see him and mum as often as I can. I would pray and be part of the church just as much if I were married as I do now as I would marry someone with a similar attitude to being a Christian. I do have the freedom to make my own choices, but wouldn't feel restricted if I had to take other peoples feelings, etc into consideration. The wording of the above phrases and their answers probably are so they can be scored but I don't think that each phrase can have only one answer.	Jun 23, 2012 6:49 AM
226	I am single but I don't want to be single. I can see it has some advantages	Jun 23, 2012 2:26 AM

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	but also major disadvantages i.e no help or support. But I have some friends who sometimes can help.	
227	think happiness with being single is also own to frends/family/suppotr available - all of which can vastly change the experience!	Jun 22, 2012 3:04 PM
228	I have been happily single, busy looking out for others and happy that I have had little time for myself. As I face having trusted God for family that is becoming less likely biologically I am fed up and losing faith dispite now putting more focus on this!	Jun 22, 2012 2:50 PM
229	I have been in relationships previously that also allow me the freedoms/space/independence etc listed above. I don't believe that these things are mutually exclusive with relationships. I look forward to a lifelong relationship with a christian and recognise I will compromise some of the above but not all, and not completely!	Jun 22, 2012 2:38 PM
230	we are exhorted to be content in all circumstances and live believing God is our all in all, he is sufficient. To know that and experience it is liberating but it does not come easily. Being single runs great risks with regard to selfishness	Jun 22, 2012 12:10 PM
231	I was trapped in a very difficult marriage which my husband ended.I would love to experience a marriage to someone with whom I can share my faith,I think this would be an amazing axperience.	Jun 22, 2012 7:38 AM
232	Never married and never divorced! What a blessing. God has blessed me with discernment which has protected me from being in an abusive or unloving or bad relationship / marriage which I know many many people are in. I'm not convinced that marriage is the be all and end all or all that because if it was that great surely there wouldn't be a 50% divorce rate? I'm sure it's not all that being married to the pastor and that there are many downsides to it! I certainly don't think it would solve all your problems and would create new problems. I'm happy with my own company and not in any rush. Maybe the reason that there are so many divorces and bad marriages is that people are not happy with themselves and think marriage will somehow fix this.	Jun 22, 2012 6:17 AM
233	Due to health concerns being single is easier as i dont have to take someone elses concerns emotional and physical on. (I have breast cancer)	Jun 21, 2012 7:56 PM
234	Most of my friends are married so I dont see much of them and my son is grown up now and lives 300 miles away and I dont drive, with being single all the money goes on the mortgage and bills.	Jun 21, 2012 5:15 PM
235	It is often hard to spend time with friends as lots of weekend activities are family orientated and most friends have small children so evenings are not good. Therefore it is easy to feel isolated.	Jun 21, 2012 9:39 AM
236	Whilst I am not caring for a person in my home, I do have an elderly grandmother, and my parents live close to me; and sponsor children. Their needs and concerns are important to me, so just because I am living on my own does not mean that I have not responsibilities for others or free from conflict.	Jun 21, 2012 8:48 AM
237	Single youth worker. Though being single has benefits in terms of faith. Would be nice to share with someone close	Jun 21, 2012 5:26 AM
238	At this time in my life I have no responsibilities other than myself.	Jun 21, 2012 4:56 AM

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239	I have a really great and fulfilled life but I am missing my heart's desire which is to share it with someone and be a part of their life too	Jun 21, 2012 4:44 AM
240	Lonely though!	Jun 21, 2012 1:38 AM
241	I don't see how not being single would affect any of the above. Why would not being single mean I'd spend less time with my friends and family? Or devote time to a ministry? It really depends on the choices you make on how you spend your time and energy, not on whether you are single or not.	Jun 20, 2012 11:40 PM
242	I have just come out of a serious relationship and my options of what to do now i have finished uni have been heavily influenced by this break up, before the break up my only plan was to stay near where we both lived.	Jun 20, 2012 3:09 PM
243	I am a carer for my elderly mother.	Jun 20, 2012 2:32 PM
244	It can make you a bit introspective, and bit selfish too!	Jun 20, 2012 2:19 PM
245	have good non-christian housemates	Jun 20, 2012 1:23 PM
246	I've basically had enough years alone now to be bored of the advantages. And I'm in the last few years of my fertility too, so that adds pressure of 'now or never'. In the past I was happy despite my singleness, these days it dominates. I imagine once I get past the point of being able to have children and the disappointment becomes final and absolute, I may then be able to grieve, move on, and find peace with singleness again. But for now it is a daily pain, and the one thing that I regret about my life, whatever else may go well.	Jun 20, 2012 7:30 AM
247	I am a single Christian man, who has never married, has no children, and has lots of single Christian friends and acquaintances, both male and female (but more female ones than male ones).	Jun 20, 2012 7:26 AM
248	I have never had a long term relationship so it's hard for me to tell.	Jun 20, 2012 7:21 AM
249	i am a student so i dont have much free time after placements. however i would like the support mechanism other than friends.	Jun 20, 2012 5:11 AM
250	41, single, no kids.	Jun 20, 2012 3:43 AM
251	Not a single parent or carer but feel I have some responsibility to my family	Jun 20, 2012 3:37 AM
252	lonely and living on my own.	Jun 20, 2012 3:36 AM
253	I would love help with my children and not to have to shoulder all things alone , though I am able to do these things and make the best of them	Jun 20, 2012 2:20 AM
254	Being single doesn't necessarily give you more time on your hands when you have children to look after, it often gives you less time.	Jun 20, 2012 1:43 AM
255	I guess now I've been on my own for 7 years I am used to my own company and maybe doing things my own way.	Jun 20, 2012 1:06 AM
256	I am a single parent, which can be challenging. I would love to get married but I feel that its important for me to build a solid relationship with God and my children. So, am enjoying being single without the added responsibility of a husband to care for. I believe that when am in the right place with my life and spiritual life the Lord will lead me accordingly but at the moment I am not	Jun 19, 2012 1:59 PM

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	in a rush to get married.	
257	Being single, I still have responsibilities to look after my sick mother. This is why I am still living at home, so my husband has to be very understanding..... To deal with my situation.	Jun 19, 2012 1:21 PM
258	B	Jun 19, 2012 1:18 PM
259	Being single is only a choice insofar as I choose not to date non-christians. As there are no available guys in my church and none of my friends are Christians, I have no choice other than to be single. Therefore my answers above relate to how I have adapted to this lifestyle.	Jun 19, 2012 11:50 AM
260	Some of the teachings about the happiness of singleness is not supported by the bible. Have you really considered this I wonder. Im finding some questions stupid, simplistic and patronising	Jun 19, 2012 11:45 AM
261	Single parent so therefore have responsibilities and commitments.	Jun 19, 2012 11:33 AM
262	I think I would enjoy all of the above being married, I know that it brings a whole new set of challenges but then living with other single people has caused arguments and pain anyway. I would like to be looking after someone else and spending time with them in sharing faith and prayer and pursuing ministry etc with a partner in all of that.	Jun 19, 2012 10:18 AM
263	I agree to all these areas, however i seek to enjoy the season I am in now.	Jun 17, 2012 1:40 PM
264	Just because you are single and live alone does not mean you may not have responsibilities for looking after someone else (ie aged parents, siblings even friends).	Jun 17, 2012 10:58 AM
265	I do enjoy the freedom etc, but long for a husband and children despite the changes and restrictions that may bring to life.	Jun 16, 2012 12:31 AM
266	Single mother with one dependant	Jun 16, 2012 12:25 AM
267	Having been married and divorced, I know the two sides as it were	Jun 15, 2012 12:39 PM
268	I am single without children therefore no dependants and this does make a difference to my lone parent friends.	Jun 15, 2012 7:56 AM
269	I AM A SINGLE PARENT OF BOYS WHICH HAS ITS DEMANDS THEREFORE MY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE THE SAME AS ANY OTHER MARRIED PERSON ONLY WITHOUT THE OTHER PERSON BEING PRESENT.	Jun 15, 2012 2:42 AM
270	But I hope tp get married I am just embracing my current status	Jun 15, 2012 2:06 AM
271	Have 5 grown up children, scattered all over the country. They visit 2/3 times per year maximum	Jun 14, 2012 1:53 AM
272	Being single is nt a good thing its good to be in a relationship wit somone	Jun 13, 2012 10:57 AM
273	The demands of single parenting really difficult, all responsibility on my shoulders, finances stretched, working hard and running home on my own exhausting nobody to share life and responsibilities with, nobody to pray with, feel lonely, isolated, and unloved.	Jun 12, 2012 1:21 PM

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274	God has taught me to really enjoy and embrace my singleness...and to try and seek my affirmation from Him because, regardless of other people's perceptions, I am a whole and complete woman WITHOUT a husband. Even though I feel ignored or undervalued at church, God values me very much.	Jun 12, 2012 1:49 AM
275	Although I agree with all of the above (I am a single parent), I would love to have someone to share my prayer time with, holidays with etc..	Jun 11, 2012 6:27 PM
276	I like the independence, but am quite bored and frustrated as most of the people I know are paired off!	Jun 11, 2012 12:29 PM
277	I said that marriage would make me happier. I'm aware that's possibly not true, but...if I'm honest, I really do think it would. Being single is very difficult, certainly for me.	Jun 11, 2012 12:09 PM
278	Sometimes I would strongly agree with some of these suggestions, whereas other times I would disagree. It seems to me that how people feel about their singleness goes in 'waves' - sometimes you're fine with it, sometimes you can rejoice in it, other times you hate it!	Jun 11, 2012 5:12 AM
279	When I was younger (20's 30's) I would have answered 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to all of these questions. Now in my 40's and with the realistic prospect of being on my own for the remainder of my life I feel I would like the opportunity to share my life with someone and love them. And be loved in return. I'm tired of having to do everything on my own.	Jun 10, 2012 11:49 PM
280	The freedom to plan my future is based on my walk with God. I try to follow the path He has laid for me and that is based on God and not on my marital state.	Jun 10, 2012 1:29 PM
281	I would like to be married, but not just to anyone for the sake of it. I think having children would change a lot more things and restrict / alter my current lifestyle a lot more than being married. I think marriage would enhance most of the things above as I would be supported in them instead of going it alone.	Jun 9, 2012 12:44 PM
282	I am a widow with 3 children 11-15 years old	Jun 9, 2012 11:59 AM
283	I find the statement about 'being able to plan my future as I like' the hardest statement here - I actually hate the whole concept of having to plan for things on my own, I would love to be able to do that in partnership with someone else.	Jun 9, 2012 1:37 AM
284	Having been married and now divorced (14 years ago), (the marriage ending was not my choice), I have done single well - good career, I have travelled, own my own home etc. However, if I had the choice I would pick marriage every time.	Jun 8, 2012 8:28 AM
285	I think that often if church activities are organised for Singles they don't really cater for the single parents that are on the increase. We seem to fall between the catering for families of which we aren't really and the young free and single people which we aren't either - we have responsibilities and can't always go out as easily.	Jun 8, 2012 4:49 AM
286	I am much happier in myself as a single person now than I have previously been. I am not 'unhappy' because I am single. I am happy in the Lord and happy in my life. I just see marriage as the next step and something I would very much like to do.	Jun 8, 2012 1:05 AM

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287	I am a single parent of three teenage children and have only been single for a year, before that I was in a marriage where my husband mentally controlling.	Jun 8, 2012 12:21 AM
288	I make the best of the situation I am in. I value my singleness but don't think it is God's plan for me to remain single. I would be happier and function better in a marriage,	Jun 7, 2012 9:57 PM
289	I have more time to put myself first more often at the moment, and devote prayer time to Christ.	Jun 7, 2012 6:44 PM
290	Living with others despite being single	Jun 7, 2012 3:47 PM
291	i enjoy the freedom singleness gives me, but would be happy to give that freedom up, by that i mean sharing decisions.	Jun 7, 2012 2:56 PM
292	as a widow, I hate being single and feel unloved sometimes. My husband was gorgeous and loving. If I didn't believe in God, I would have killed myself by now/ God had been good.	Jun 7, 2012 1:51 PM
293	Being single AND a parent means I do NOT have independence and I DO have responsibility for others! My plans always have to take into account those of my children and I am supporting them financially which imposes constraints on where we live, what holidays we have (if any) etc.	Jun 7, 2012 12:55 PM
294	I am in a relationship and may possibly be getting married and my partner is coming to church with me, but is not a full committed christian yet. I am not sure if I want to be married to him or not. I think I would like to be married but second time around is rather different.	Jun 7, 2012 9:29 AM
295	i;v got no friends at all i dont go out all my time is to look after my daughter	Jun 7, 2012 8:10 AM
296	In answer to the 4th statement - my future should not be planned as I like - it's how God likes, but yes, I agree I do have a freedom to plan without having to think of anyone else. With the 6th & final statements, I wouldn't say that I 'enjoy' having freedom or not having responsibility - I would say I 'have' the freedom to make... - I would enjoy having someone to make holiday choices with and someone to look after (final statement), however, yes, I do agree that as I don't have anyone for either of those two, I therefore agree to the statements.	Jun 7, 2012 5:20 AM
297	I am happy in my own company and get energy from spending time on my own, a natural Introvert on the Myers Briggs scale. I deal a lot with people management in my job and enjoy the tranquility of home life to recharge	Jun 6, 2012 2:07 PM
298	Some of my answers to qs 21-23 might seem inconsistent with the essay written earlier, but I could explain how they are not! Basically it is always proper for single human creatures to be aware of the lack of the great good of marriage, however much they benefit from the greater good of the community transcending marriage that the Church is supposed to be.	Jun 6, 2012 1:53 PM
299	I felt that i had freedom within my marriage and support from my husband therefore things have not changed, i just don't have the support of a loving hisband anymore.	Jun 6, 2012 11:39 AM
300	Just because I am not married does not mean there is no conflict in my life!	Jun 6, 2012 10:51 AM
301	As a youth worker it's pretty much impossible for me to meet anyone outside	Jun 6, 2012 10:29 AM

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	of church or work - due to the working hours being during everyone else's social hours. The majority of the above statements are factors in why I'm happy with the situation, in fact having a relationship would mean I'd have little time for anything else.	
302	I think what is very important is not to be only, because together life is better in everything.	Jun 6, 2012 6:12 AM
303	I'm disabled and so can't get out much socially. I feel very alone at times and it's difficult to face the thought that you might end up in the future with no-one around you, if you don't have a husband and kids. As soon as friends get married, they don't have as much time for you, as they want to do stuff with other couples	Jun 6, 2012 4:11 AM
304	I do feel at a point where I want to settle down as nearing 30. I have always wanted to get married but as the years pass by I feel confused as to why the Lord hasn't provided me with a husband yet. It can be hard when I get attention from non-Christian men and would like companionship but can't because we fall for each other. Waiting can be difficult as it's been a long time now but I've got good friends, family, ministry to keep me occupied too.	Jun 6, 2012 4:11 AM
305	This is on reflection as I have recently met and married a lovely Christian bloke.	Jun 6, 2012 3:38 AM
306	I go through stages, sometimes love being single, other times I wish I was in a relationship	Jun 6, 2012 2:41 AM
307	Having my own home I actually feel that in a lot of ways I have less free time than I would if I was married - I have to do all the chores, there is no one to share the load with. I get exhausted working full-time and looking after the home, let alone trying to fit in a social life and church.	Jun 6, 2012 2:22 AM
308	As a single parent I do not have much time to spend with friends or help others too often. I guess I do in my employment. I am happy to look after my child I would not like to be single without child however I feel it would be easier to meet someone if I didn't have one.	Jun 5, 2012 10:53 PM
309	You have more choice but as single life can be tiring as you have to work to have company. People take for granted the feeling of sharing an evening with someone on the sofa, you can be sat in silence and you make no real effort, but you've had company the whole time.	Jun 5, 2012 9:55 PM
310	single,	Jun 5, 2012 3:57 PM
311	At the moment I am quite positive about singleness, ie. coping with it. Sometimes I find it incredibly hard and discouraging.	Jun 5, 2012 3:55 PM
312	I'm trying to move with my career at the moment. It's easier without anyone else to consider. However, were there someone else to consider, my career might be less important to me, and I might be happy to stay where I am at the moment.	Jun 5, 2012 3:53 PM
313	My children are grown up now. I have learnt that once I started to accept where I am in life and turn it over to God the contentment has grown and resentment of my singleness reduces. Learning to live creatively and in a God-honouring way is a positive way forward	Jun 5, 2012 3:53 PM
314	It is better to be single than to be in a terrible marriage but it is hard having	Jun 5, 2012 2:42 PM

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	<p>the responsibility for bringing up children on your own, never having enough money , no one to share things with, noone to make decisions with, noone to bring you a hot drink when you are ill in bed, no sex, no cuddles, no kisses, noone to say 'it's ok or we'll get through this', noone to help with aging parents, no other pension or income, noone to love you in that special way. I don't want my independence I want to be in a loving relationship.</p>	
315	<p>I divorced my husband following his departure to another woman however I still run a home for my grown-up university student daughters so I am single but not single. With the added problems of support to build a new life but resistance to any change, consequently any new relationship I enter into is viewed with suspicion and not accepted. They want me to be happy but can't take further change in their lives..... I am still working on the solution to this.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 2:22 PM
316	<p>I an single parent and have elderly relative and work full time. It's so hard for me to find time to meet new people particularly men.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 1:42 PM
317	<p>I do realise that the freedom I have is a good thing, compared to married friends who have to divide up their holiday time between visiting both sides of the families. but i feel like my life is adrift now, 3 years after graduation, I hope to find a man with whom I can pray, minister, serve, travel and plan a future together. Its lonely to do most things on my own as more and more friends are getting on with their lives, im just drifting.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 1:35 PM
318	<p>It's far harder being a single parent of four children even if they are teenagers! The weight of responsibility is enormous plus feelings of guilt etc. Being single and childness would be alot easier and there wouldn't be any conflict at all with the other parent.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 1:30 PM
319	<p>I have never been in a relationship before and I am a very independent person. Although I would love to get married, have kids and do all of that stuff right now, I am currently enjoying my life as a single person too as it allows me the freedom to do lots of the stuff I love, such as travelling. Settling down, despite wanting to do it one day actually scares me quite a lot because I will have to lose some of my autonomy. However, this is a price I will be willing to pay for the husband God has planned for me. Right now, I am focussing on who I am in Christ, rather than trying to find my identity in men.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 12:47 PM
320	<p>you can be marrige and still enjoy your freedom , go on holiday and spend time with your family etc.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 12:44 PM
321	<p>I'm single never married. Whilst I do agree with the above statements, I still desire to be married but it is not where my happiness lies. My happiness lies in Jesus Christ and in worshipping him in all things.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 12:40 PM
322	<p>I am a mother aprt from her children so it is sad to be away from them and any amount of independence does not make up for being away from them.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 12:17 PM
323	<p>I think these answers are really leading. Just because someone hasn't got a partner doesn't mean you have time on your hands or you don't look after someone else.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 11:40 AM
324	<p>Single parent with 3 almost adult children and 2 adopted of which 4 are dependent</p>	Jun 5, 2012 11:35 AM
325	<p>I have my Grand child living with me at present, so I have to cater for her needs as well as my own.</p>	Jun 5, 2012 11:21 AM

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326	i want a partner to share things with. I'd like a soul-mate who is special to me. I have love to share but no-one to give it to.	Jun 5, 2012 10:19 AM
327	I am a single parent so have very little personal free time . I had more when I was married with the children's father helping me.	Jun 5, 2012 10:16 AM
328	I am single because of the death of my husband, so sometimes it is nice to only have to think of myself and at other times it would be good and wonderful to have that special person around.	Jun 5, 2012 10:15 AM
329	I don't necessarily feel that being married would make life easier, it would just make less lonely, and I'm not good with being deprived of cuddles, kissing or sex	Jun 5, 2012 10:04 AM
330	Just because I am single does not make me more effective in my ministry to God, I think that as a couple you can have an even stronger or at least equally strong ministry as a single person...Ecclesiastes 4 vs9-12 I know couples that do. Also as a couple you can encourage each other in your faith, if one of you gets disheartened the other can encourage and vice versa. Finally as a couple you often share friends !	Jun 5, 2012 9:55 AM
331	Single parent of 4 children and now have 3 grandchildren - a blessing from God	Jun 5, 2012 9:49 AM
332	I am disabled and approaching 60 yes old and quite lonely at times as I also live in a very rural area. I am independent and not looking for a carer! Just fir a friend?	Jun 5, 2012 9:45 AM
333	I am a single parent so many of these things don't apply as I have my children to consider.	Jun 5, 2012 9:29 AM
334	I currently live with my parents and younger sister, so being single doesn't affect my home life differently too much.	Jun 5, 2012 9:26 AM
335	Life is not good being a single bloke, every man requires a good woman at home. I got lucky a few months ago. x Please pray that my relationship will develop.	Jun 5, 2012 8:58 AM
336	I'd LOVE to BE Married!	Jun 4, 2012 6:53 PM
337	I 'REALLY' am wondering if this so-called-survey is actually written by a Christian?! Question: 'The freedom to plan my future as I like' - any true christian who is true to their faith would not want to just 'plan their future as they would like', as they would want the 'Lords' will for their life and not just picking and choosing what and when 'they' just want to do as that is just what the world does!!!	Jun 4, 2012 4:56 PM
338	I let God rule my life, so planning my future is in his hands.	Jun 4, 2012 3:22 PM
339	i am a victim of being on dwp benefits so cant remarry or take lodgers or move away as i get fixed income of government to cover the 24/7 household bills as i have osteoporosis and survived a mastectomy plus cant have no more family do to no ovaries or tube so disabled but in remission which leaves me as i am so not happy at the loneliness allways.	Jun 4, 2012 11:13 AM
340	I also enjoy having time to devote to my career and research interests (not sure if this is included in the 'pursue a ministry' question).	Jun 4, 2012 9:47 AM

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341	'Sometimes agree' means for me - 'very often don't agree, but sometimes do'!	Jun 4, 2012 1:16 AM
342	I am separated from my husband who wasn't a Christian. I now can do what I like and press into God when I like. This is very freeing	Jun 3, 2012 1:26 PM
343	I would never let marriage affect my freedom and independence. I do not believe that marriage means planning and doing everything with a spouse.	Jun 3, 2012 12:08 PM
344	Although I cope very well with widowhood, I would love to have a 'special' friend with who to visit places, talk about problems, discuss things etc.	Jun 3, 2012 11:53 AM
345	But I suspect that I am the sort of person who would make the most, and see the upside, of whatever were my circumstances! I certainly realise that marriage entails all sorts of compromises, so now I cherish those I don't have to make - and try to acknowledge honestly, but not dwell on, what I don't have, not least in areas of companionship, sharing decision-making and responsibilities, someone to do the washing up (!) etc, etc, etc.	Jun 3, 2012 5:16 AM
346	I still have one school-age son who divides his time between his mother & I, my elder son lives with me, and my two daughters (older still) live independently anyway. But these dynamics have changed constantly through the period since the breakdown of my marriage and I have not yet emerged into an entirely settled way of life as a result.	Jun 3, 2012 4:12 AM
347	Being single wasn't my choice - my wife just changed her mind about what she wanted from her life. It was difficult at first but I am getting used to it now and people at work have commented on how much happier I am looking than last year.	Jun 2, 2012 4:49 PM
348	I live with my twin sister so our home is definitely not free of arguing and conflict!	Jun 2, 2012 2:55 PM
349	Sinle parent, 3 children, but only one living at home and in his late teens.	Jun 2, 2012 1:10 PM
350	Being single enables me to focus on my ministry and a christian youth and children's worker. I also feel it is important for me to be single as I recover from server depression, and learn that I can cope on my own again.	Jun 2, 2012 12:25 PM
351	I think having time to pray and worship is not about being single or not.	Jun 2, 2012 11:07 AM
352	my children are now 21 and 23 but I was a single parent for 17 yrs. church was not particularly supportive at any stage. only male role models for my son were scout leaders (who were church members). was made to feel that another relationship would be inappropriate, even though i was the innocent party and my spouse left me	Jun 2, 2012 9:50 AM
353	I am passionate about community and live with others in community so feel like I have significant relationships that require compromise and involve occasional conflict even though I'm single....	Jun 2, 2012 1:22 AM
354	i am totally single	Jun 1, 2012 5:03 PM
355	I may have more freedom to choose things like holiday destinations / what to do on days off but not having anyone to share them with is not easy.	Jun 1, 2012 10:44 AM
356	I have a demanding job, therefore limited energy levels (on several planes) to devote much time to "help others" (outside my work) or "pursue a ministry"	May 31, 2012 2:48 PM

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	... Before nursing, I was very involved in church life! If I was married, and we were financially able enough with a dual income, it may be possible to reduce my working hours a bit in order to maintain greater sanity (!) and have more available time ... ??? !!! Or is that pigs flying high!	
357	(never married)	May 31, 2012 12:39 PM
358	i am 49 and i cope well with being single 99% of time. All of a sudden, it hits that I am single, always have been so , am still a virgin and feel like a freak! other single friends have similar experience. God helps me to get through these times	May 31, 2012 9:15 AM
359	I am single mother , I love my children but it restricts how I can answer those questions	May 31, 2012 5:33 AM
360	I have answered the above in respect to the fact I was widowed, and have enjoyed a happy marriage, and the situation I am in is not through choice.	May 30, 2012 2:29 PM
361	Whilst there are many positives to being single, the loneliness one has to endure outweighs the positives. We were made to be in relationship, and this is our 'default'. Ideally a partner would mostly agree on holidays, ministry and being married would not be a 'restriction', but an 'extension' of who you are in Christ.	May 30, 2012 12:28 PM
362	I would worry about having someone move into my property with me as I might lose my sole rights to it	May 30, 2012 4:30 AM
363	I am a mum to an 11 year old daughter who lives with her father.	May 29, 2012 3:21 PM
364	I have had absolutely no support as a single parent from church. I get more support from non christians. Being extremely shy means asking for help is difficult	May 29, 2012 1:02 PM
365	The above questions assume single means living on one's own, whereas I live with three young children. the questions need re-phrasing.	May 29, 2012 11:13 AM
366	I am a single parent of 3 ages 23, 8 and 7yrs	May 29, 2012 9:32 AM
367	I have been a single mother for many years. My youngest child is just leaving school so I now feel my life is my own after 27 years.	May 29, 2012 6:28 AM
368	Recently divorced	May 28, 2012 11:35 PM
369	i made a conscious choice to stay single while my children were young. Being single with all its benefits when your children have left home can be lonely sometimes . holidays can be tricky too. It would be nice to be in a loving caring relationship with someone with shared interests/life goals/ethos. Not worth being in a relationship just for the sake of having one / being accepted by society	May 28, 2012 6:53 PM
370	boxes i ticked would also be relevant if opposite question was asked.	May 28, 2012 12:42 PM
371	Recently split from long term partner, not really enjoying being single again	May 27, 2012 2:11 PM
372	As a lone parent it's scary to invite someone into the life of my child - children need consistency & reliability so I would need to REALLY get to know someone before introducing them. So right now what I really like about singleness is providing my daughter with the consistency and constancy that	May 27, 2012 11:27 AM

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	she needs.	
373	For me the choice is not just being married or being single. I would choose to live in a home as part of a "family", whether married or single.	May 27, 2012 7:36 AM
374	Living on your own is different to being single. The greatest problem I have is living on my own. When living with a family, shared, or at home with parents I feel alot happier. I believe living in families is a biblical principle. I feel living on my own is a energy sapping experience.	May 26, 2012 2:14 PM
375	My wife and I left our parents to get married and over the years became one flesh. We agreed on most things and enjoyed being together and doing things together. I could do without the independence - I feel really lost without her. For the last years of her life I was my wife's official carer. The looking after her and the care I gave her did not seem like responsibility - it was done out of love and respect for her determination to live as normal life as possible.	May 26, 2012 1:14 PM
376	.	May 26, 2012 7:11 AM
377	It's never nice to be in an arguement with someone especially after a hard day at work but I guess it's part and parcel of being with another person who will likely have different needs and concerns from one's self. Sometimes independence can be nice but I often use my independence unwisely and wast time when I could be being a blessing to a marriage partner. Had years of being selfish, planning my own agenda and having no-one to hold or care for. Would be great to have someone to pray with and share with. We could both be a spiritual encouragement to each other.	May 26, 2012 5:10 AM
378	I enjoy all the benefits of being single, but would also look forward to the benefits of marriage.	May 26, 2012 2:24 AM
379	single	May 25, 2012 12:58 PM
380	To some extent I'm not free to plan my future because my daughter although nearly 18 needs a home & her dad is moving away from the city we live in - which means I am the one who needs to be here for her.	May 25, 2012 9:46 AM
381	Single parent, going through a messy custody battle following domestic abuse.	May 25, 2012 9:07 AM
382	My future is in God's hands ; I want to obey him, and find out what he wants for me.	May 25, 2012 9:06 AM
383	As my friends aren't single, and many have kids, I don't have the chance to spend more time with them - I'd probably spend more time with them if I was married with kids. Living with my parents, the home life question is difficult to answer. I'd probably find a home, even with children, more peaceful than life with my parents as they don't understand the concept of personal space, and argue when I ask for it (OK, maybe children are the same), but I can't win as it's their house and they are the parents.	May 25, 2012 8:09 AM
384	I was single all my adult life until a year ago, and have just got engaged in my early 40s, so I've answered all the questions on how I used to feel. I was lucky that I didn't have a strong desire for children, and am quite happy living alone etc, so I was grateful that being single was not a big problem for me, and in fact I used to question whether I could cope with the compromises etc involved in having a partner.	May 25, 2012 6:24 AM

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385	None of us is truly independent if we follow Jesus - we are led by Him & forge relationships where we care for each other in the body. As singles / marrieds we depend on the body not just on ourselves. I REALLY appreciate additional time for ministry.	May 25, 2012 6:07 AM
386	Trying to enjoy life as a single Christian and all that Father God has for me in this season of my life, but that doesn't take away the emptiness and longing for human companionship	May 25, 2012 3:44 AM
387	I think it is often said that singleness gives you so much more time and freedom than those who are married however this is not always the case. For example I have no one to help me do household tasks so don't necessarily have more free time. Also the freedom to plan my future is a mixed pleasure. Whilst on the one hand I don't have to consider a spouse or children, financially being single can restrict this freedom.	May 24, 2012 1:31 PM
388	Single parent to 2 kids - their Mum (my ex wife) died of breast cancer 6 years ago.	May 24, 2012 9:05 AM
389	No specific circumstances. Just normal single 30 something.	May 23, 2012 2:34 PM
390	some it can be hard to deal with things and sometime its nice just to open up to someone.	May 23, 2012 10:21 AM
391	the questions have a bias towards agreeing especially number 2,	May 22, 2012 10:38 PM
392	As a single parent working full time to make ends meet all the above are irrelevant! I have less time than a married couple as I have to do all the work and parenting on my own! Churches really need to think through childcare issues if they want single parents to play the roles they can in churches!	May 22, 2012 1:16 PM
393	I would make sure that a marriage partner never affected my time/space/independence. Marriage is a commitment of faithfulness to one person for life. It is NOT becoming some one else's Siamese twin!	May 22, 2012 12:56 PM
394	As an older single I find planning holidays a stress. Most people I know have their own families so I end up going on my own - not a great choice really.	May 22, 2012 8:17 AM
395	Living with my parents means I sometimes argue with them, or get caught up in their conflicts, but hey ho! I love looking after my 3 cats, and wouldn't like to live alone as I couldn't afford a place large enough for them, so we're better off with Mum and Dad :-)	May 22, 2012 7:08 AM
396	Having lived most of my adult life alone I can't really answer the questions I don't know what it would be like to live with someone but would like the opportunity, it would be lovely to have someone in the house and not always to come home to an empty home, have answered them as best as I can. My friends all seem to be married and have their own lives and companions one feels excluded.	May 21, 2012 1:01 PM
397	Have recently split from a non-Christian partner who would not commit to me after 7 years so obeyed God's word and left. Had previously been married for 13 years. Now looking for a Christian partner.	May 21, 2012 12:01 PM
398	I have brought up my children on my own with no help from my ex husband and now as they go off to university maybe my spare time will be more to pursue a relationship	May 20, 2012 2:37 PM

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399	i do enjoy the independence of being free to make my own decisions but my situation was forced upon me and not my choice. i miss being in a relationship as i was for many yeats and all the oppourtunities that being in a couple with family bonds that that provides	May 20, 2012 11:45 AM
400	I don't have the responsibility to look after someone else but would like to!	May 20, 2012 11:05 AM
401	I feel having a partner could make me happier, but as a single parent with responsibilities it is not easy to go out and meet people and/or form a serious relationship. I make the most of time alone/with friends. I have had a bad marriage experience and prefer peace to conflict.	May 20, 2012 9:17 AM
402	I am a single parent. I was married to a Christian man and endured a marriage of domestic abuse!	May 20, 2012 7:40 AM
403	I am the carer to my 89 year old mother who still attends the church I have left. I have to work full time and every moment that I am not working is spent looking after or keeping my mother company. I have no help from anyone and feel very trapped and lonely	May 20, 2012 7:29 AM
404	I am an independent person but I would rather share my life with someone else.	May 20, 2012 7:23 AM
405	Just because your in a relationship doesn't mean you don't have time to pray/persue ministry, if that was the case everyone should be single. Everyone has a different ministry whethers thats looking after elderly relatives/children, opening house up, praying for people etc. Being in a relationship should be better as you can pray together and have support for each others ministries. Conflict would never arise if we are putting other first and acting in a Godly way	May 19, 2012 1:56 PM
406	Also depends on your finances. What you can do and afford. (Budget) Sometimes being single is a forced option.	May 18, 2012 7:40 PM
407	Not special circumstances - but wanted to add that I believe being single is part of God's will for my life right now, and my future is in His hands (so planning my future is not really up to me!).	May 18, 2012 2:06 AM
408	It maybe nice to share with someone special all the above and serve the Lord together, but if that can't happen because it is God's will for me then I am fine with this.	May 18, 2012 1:15 AM
409	To be honest... my faith is weaker than ever, as I am angry with God for the situation that I am in. I feel like I'm a stropopy teenager having a sulk because I haven't got what I want, and although I know that God doesn't work like that, I find it hard to change how I feel. I do appreciate some aspects of being independent, but I would much rather be in a relationship.	May 17, 2012 1:59 PM
410	I am a single parent to a toddler	May 17, 2012 1:43 PM
411	Life is EXTREMELY difficult at present. Economic/personal pressures are huge	May 17, 2012 12:03 PM
412	I try not to focus on being single and to carry on with life, praying for a godly gentleman and improving and preparing myself for a godly relationship. Can be fairly poor at getting out to socialise and very poor indeed spending time on online dating.	May 17, 2012 7:12 AM

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413	I'm a single mum to two school age children :o)	May 17, 2012 5:56 AM
414	I am new to the area where I live and my work keeps me from having any social life, so loneliness is tough and I have never been more unhappy as a single person. Where I lived previously I had a regular job and a very active social life, so being single was easier to cope with.	May 17, 2012 3:02 AM
415	Sometimes I am excluded from spending time with my friends as they are mainly in relationships, married and many have children. I have the time, but they don't.	May 16, 2012 1:53 PM
416	Until I have experienced marriage I cannot really know if I would be happier married..then I guess it would be too late to have regrets and would need to focus on building the marriage. Single is not an affliction just 'I have not met the right person for me yet'. It has it's positives (as above) and it's negatives.	May 16, 2012 9:21 AM
417	I am single and never married. Currently happy being single as the men out there are either not Christians or divorced, with serious issues.	May 16, 2012 7:18 AM
418	I find it difficult to find time to devote to a relationship due to the long hours with my work commitments and also time required for my church commitments	May 16, 2012 3:22 AM
419	been a single parent for 27 years. had so many hopes and dreams to serve God but no suport from churches. Sons grew up in church but saw the hypocrosy and dont want to know about church . didnt feel included and valued	May 16, 2012 12:42 AM
420	If I am doing God`s Will as a single person, then the same will apply to when I get married. WE would seek God`s willl together re holidays, ministry etc	May 16, 2012 12:19 AM
421	People always think that you're free to make decisions and do what you want but as I get older, and most of my friends are married, they are not around so much and so I spend a lot of time alone. I have lots of friends and making new ones all the time but it doesn't help. Also, when it comes to holidays, there is a lot of travel that I'd like to do but am reluctant to do alone. There are rarely people around to go on some of the more exotic trips with and so I don't get to go. It's also much more expensive to have to keep paying a single supplement.	May 15, 2012 12:05 PM
422	i get lots of conflict in life and I'm single lol!	May 15, 2012 11:56 AM
423	I'm happy enough single, but it's nicer to have someone to share things with and do together.	May 15, 2012 10:26 AM
424	I've been single, married and divorced and I know which I prefer	May 15, 2012 4:03 AM
425	I would to be married. I have prayed and i leave it in God's hands as He knows what is best for my life. I am happy either way.	May 14, 2012 5:32 PM
426	I'm a single parent so I'm not really free/independent etc as my children come first.	May 14, 2012 12:54 PM
427	Having been in an unhappy marriage, I acknowledge the benefits of the lack of conflict that being single brings. It can also be intensely lonely even with a large group of supportive friends, loving family and rewarding ministry in a very inclusive church.	May 14, 2012 10:55 AM

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428	I spend a lot of time helping people, but sometimes wonder if was to fill the time as single ;)	May 14, 2012 9:04 AM
429	Having had a partner for 25 years i dislike being on my own	May 14, 2012 7:32 AM
430	I am also a carer.	May 14, 2012 1:24 AM
431	I love life and the time I have being single. And God does fill and satisfy that time, however there comes a point when you want to share your life with someone and have a physical relationship. Its only natural and God inspired.	May 13, 2012 10:46 PM
432	Being a single parent is very difficult. being married would make parenting a lot better + easier	May 13, 2012 2:30 PM
433	As I've never been married it is hard to assess a comparative such as spending more time with people, in prayer etc.	May 13, 2012 12:57 PM
434	I would dearly love to meet that special person to share my life with in the faith. Its making the most of life being single that goes with the answers above, not through choice.	May 13, 2012 12:36 PM
435	Although I have more freedom, I would rather have a husband.	May 13, 2012 8:11 AM
436	while there is undoubtably freedom to make choices, not to look after anyone or consult anyone, those freedoms often bring little joy. Surely part of our Christian desire and responsibility is to be in relationship and enjoy life with others.	May 13, 2012 4:29 AM
437	Would be difficult joining two families, two faiths, from two churches. The challenges as step parenting is different I think when you emerge as a Christian family.	May 12, 2012 2:49 PM
438	Being a carer when alone is bad...no support or just the odd hug would be nice, the exhaustion is surprising at this age...draining at times...it would be so good to be in a good marriage... one can do more when one has support...carers cry in their cars! often no structure to the day/night...no set meals...often even forget to have a cup of tea...you have no idea how much is waiting that I should be doing while I answer this!...carers often have no contact for days with others!	May 12, 2012 7:46 AM
439	I try to look at the positive side of being single and do enjoy some aspects of it. That is not so much of an issue as living on my own away from my children which I struggle with. Being completely on my own is the difficulty and not having someone there with me.	May 12, 2012 6:44 AM
440	I believe that if I am married to the right person, all the above is still going to be possible and positive. We don't have to argue over holidays with understanding, I can still devote time to help others even when Married. I do not see (in my case) any changes likely to occur when I marry, of course, priorities will change and there will be more competing demands, which will be understandable-husband, children, in-laws, my life gets more expanded!	May 12, 2012 4:28 AM
441	I have my 3 young children/2 time. So when they are not with me and I dont how work commitment I enjoy just thinking of myself and doing what I want.	May 11, 2012 12:47 PM
442	My ex and I didn't argue. It is nice not having to tidy up after him, but I do miss the companionship of marriage (and sex). Our choice of church was a compromise choice and I enjoy being at a charismatic church again since he	May 11, 2012 12:39 PM

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	left. I would have stayed together, but I do enjoy time to myself when the kids are with him and feel my relationship with God is much better since he left.	
443	currently care for relative	May 11, 2012 10:51 AM
444	Christian singles organisations seem to all make the mistake of believing that Christians singles are childless men & women, or people whose children live with an ex-spouse. I am a divorced dad with primary responsibility for my teenage kids. Other men and women are in a similar situation; and some have young children and low incomes that makes it harder for them to access singles events.	May 11, 2012 8:24 AM
445	The question asked whether I 'enjoy' these things. I don't enjoy them. For example, yes I have the freedom to plan my future as I like (seeking God, naturally), but that is not something I enjoy doing. I would rather do that alongside a partner.	May 10, 2012 11:29 AM
446	Yes, there are times when i appreciate all those things listed above but i want to spend my time, make my choices, study the Bible with someone beside me. God has my future and i struggle to plan anything too far in advance as he can change it in a moment. To comment on the previous questions - i would much rather be single than in a wrong relationship (and i have had insight into what that would be like). I am living my life for God so i do find enjoyment and have periods when i am happy being single and periods when i feel in need of human comfort - i lean on my friends when this occurs and God ahs blessed me so much with support.	May 10, 2012 10:47 AM
447	Living at home with parents and siblings can also impact on home life and freedoms. It is difficult to enjoy the freedom 'singleness' allows when you lack a partner to go on holiday / out with.	May 10, 2012 9:45 AM
448	As a student my path in life is not set in concrete yet and as such being in a VERY committed relationship might not be healthy for either party. Growing in a relationship with God is essential and balancing everything means that a relationship would be another thing to balance so at times it is better to be single.	May 10, 2012 6:13 AM
449	I enjoy my independence, and value it greatly. However, loneliness is a real challenge, and at this point in my life I want to be in a relationship and start a family. Having my independence is great, but I certainly don't anticipate losing my independence if I marry.	May 10, 2012 6:11 AM
450	For me wanting to be married is 'person-specific' - i.e. one should want to be married, not just for the sake of it, but because they want to marry a specific compatible person that they love and actually WANT to spend time with, rather than spending it on activities alone.	May 10, 2012 2:59 AM
451	Being single doesn't mean you are free from conflict- still have from work and from family at being a christian i.e the conflict doesn't necessarily result form my relationship status	May 9, 2012 1:50 PM
452	I have been widowed for 20 years and my children are grown up. I can be happy in any situation. I follow the more eastern church tradition in my private devotions of the active Way of Divinisation as set forth by the desert fathers and mothers.. Companionship and marriage or a partner would be welcome, but not essential, as I am actively exploring the meaning of these things in my single, non-monastic condition.	May 9, 2012 1:13 PM

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453	I work long hours so not all of the above applies in the same way as it would if I just worked 40 hours a week.	May 9, 2012 12:07 PM
454	Due to my past (abused as a child by a neighbour) I find it very difficult being on my own and just panic when going out alone. I prefer to have someone with me. This often makes it much harder when trying to build relationships.	May 9, 2012 11:55 AM
455	I enjoy being single but that's because I haven't met Mr Right yet. I am ready to settle down, get married & have some kids, but as usual in my Church there's nothing in the 30s categories. Either the men are too old or too young!	May 9, 2012 9:03 AM
456	Though not a birthday or Father's Day goes past without my wondering what it would have been like to have been a 'Dad'. Despite the loneliness I am determined to go bravely on through life, despite it becoming an increasingly permissive world (is there now not more temptation around that us blokes have to live with, ie women's clothing becoming ever more revealing?).	May 9, 2012 7:14 AM
457	As a single parent having no one to share the responsibility means I have much less time for myself in every way, less independence, more responsibility, and no support in the conflict!	May 9, 2012 2:52 AM
458	I think it's wrong to assume if one is single their life is full of seeing friends and going on great holidays and have no one who gives them conflict in their life. If singles flat share their flatmate could be difficult to live with or untidy etc so they have the conflict that married always say they suffer, but none of the benefits of a spouse they can enjoy. So can be worst of both worlds, not this magical freedom marrieds assume. Holidays are tough because once you get to a certain age there's not many single people left to go on holiday with.	May 9, 2012 2:18 AM
459	Expected to fit in around friends'. Assumption I want my holidays in term time. Trying to convey to female friends at difficult times in their lives that "I care" without making them uncomfortable.	May 8, 2012 1:39 PM
460	Having been through 2 divorces I am realistic about the upside and downsides of marriage and singleness. I would prefer to be with someone out of choice but finding a Christian single man who doesn't mind meeting a Christian woman that's been through 2 divorces is not easy.	May 8, 2012 12:45 PM
461	I want someone to share this wonder life with	May 8, 2012 12:14 PM
462	I'm answering this question based on the fact that I have had my fun and wild times, the career, seen the world etc.....I wanted to do this and didn't let any guy stop me from doing this....now, I'm done with that lifestyle and ready to meet someone.	May 8, 2012 11:25 AM
463	At present, i feel i have to spend a lot of time mending the relationship with my brother, things are improving. i also need to get over my shyness with women, i'm working on it	May 8, 2012 8:29 AM
464	I am divorced and i am 67 not many men want older women..... and older women dont want men there own age or older because they are more aged.	May 8, 2012 8:20 AM
465	Don't have the freedom of when to see friends etc as I am expected to fit in around them. Limited in helping friends by situation. Been with two female friends at difficult times in their lives and felt restricted in showing I cared without making them feel uncomfortable.	May 8, 2012 5:58 AM

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466	As a widowed single mum to a 12 year old daughter, her needs always influence my own. She is a huge consideration to everything I do.	May 8, 2012 3:32 AM
467	The thought of finding a partner who is happy with me, my children and my faith (and the cats!!) I feel is a big ask. But if it is what God has planned for me then I will be delighted.	May 8, 2012 1:35 AM
468	i sometimes feel so out of it being single. I long for someone I could share ministry with.	May 7, 2012 2:21 PM
469	My dream is to do all of the above with a partner!	May 7, 2012 2:18 PM
470	i am a single parent to three children two of wich are teenagers, so my life is far from boring, so i do enjoy having time to visit family and freinds and to pray in peace.	May 7, 2012 2:18 PM
471	At this stage in my life (aged 28) it is a blessing, really, to have freedom and time. I do feel lonely sometimes, though.	May 7, 2012 1:39 PM
472	I am happy to have friends of the opposite sex and the possibility of having a relationship with one as well if and when appropriate.	May 7, 2012 1:26 PM
473	Having pets makes your responsible	May 7, 2012 12:25 PM
474	My son has left home	May 7, 2012 11:57 AM
475	Ageing parent may soon need cared for, without perhaps the delight and joy and distraction of grandchildren and the support of a spouse.	May 7, 2012 11:43 AM
476	Difficult - I like to think I could be independent within a marriage. I like 'looking after' others and 'being looked after', in a healthy way. It's about 'teamwork' isn't it? And two are better than one! I was created to be 'somebody's companion' and I feel that missing. My bed is cold and empty every night! (And so is his!) However, if I was happy & felt acknowledged at church, I like to hope it wouldn't bother me so much. I need to feel 'wanted, needed & loved' - significant - I don't! And I'm fed up with smiling & pretending that it's all ok - it isn't. It's stealing my joy.	May 7, 2012 10:20 AM
477	Actually, looking at these responses, maybe being single is the right choice for me at present. But I'm lonely!!	May 7, 2012 10:12 AM
478	I make the most of now as one day I'll probably be changing nappies all day long! So many people miss the benefits of being single.	May 7, 2012 9:45 AM
479	Feel burdened at times with the sole care of children and an elderly parent. Former spouse has removed himself from all responsibilities including financial. Have to work hard to provide for the family.	May 7, 2012 8:48 AM
480	I am a parent of young adult children. I support my daughter & grandson as a single mother. I also support my son completing his last months at Uni	May 7, 2012 8:24 AM
481	I am single parent to 16 year old son who still enjoys doing things with me alone and with his friends I miss having sexual relationship most and kissing	May 7, 2012 7:18 AM
482	I do have many friends but often feel lonely and isolated as many of my friends are in relationships and i am not included in couples things. I came to live with my mother as both of us are alone and lonely. Me as I am divorced and my Mum as my dad died. I now feel trapped, even though I ;ove my	May 7, 2012 4:56 AM

	mother very much, I just feel a bit like a child again!	
483	My situation is a complex one, I moved out from my parental home as my mum has alcohol issues and I couldn't take it anymore, my father passed away when I was 14, and I have many commitments with mum. I also have anxiety problems but am getting better as no longer on meds. I am trying to look after myself and my mum which is hard. I meet friends when I can and they understand where I am at and are always supportive for me. I look forward to meeting that special guy but I'm not going to let it eat me up as there are far more important things for me to do e.g getting right with the Lord and healing from the past	May 7, 2012 1:15 AM
484	I am a single Christian woman who has been a Christian since early childhood. I have never been in a relationship so I don't know what it's like. Many of my friends are in the same position.	May 6, 2012 1:42 PM
485	I live alone without any other commitments and do love having my independence though I know this can sometimes be a problem for me. I also know that I was built to be one half of a partnership - its a fundamental part of how God made me. So whilst I love life, relationships, church, I know there's more that God has got for me in a marriage relationship. The adjustment when this happens might well take me by surprise and challenge my independence!	May 6, 2012 1:01 PM
486	I live alone, and although I enjoy the freedom to come and go as I please, I don't have enough friends who live locally.	May 6, 2012 12:42 PM
487	I want to stress that I enjoy these aspects of singleness without necessarily knowing whether the joys of marriage would override them. One makes the most of one's circumstances whilst being open to change.	May 6, 2012 12:38 PM
488	Live with friends so sometimes conflict and often love in the house.	May 6, 2012 12:14 PM
489	when my mother was still alive I spent the last few years becoming increasingly more involved in her life so was unable to do things for myself, go on holidays etc. but that was just a "season" of life that one has to go through. Single children usually do most of the caring.	May 6, 2012 9:29 AM
490	I think my childhood is very much reflected the answers I have provided. By that I mean my parents were not in happy relationship so I have nothing to emulate.	May 6, 2012 9:04 AM
491	Your questions pre-suppose singletons have more time than others this is not true - we often are expected to do more because we are single; for example care for elderly relatives, a responsibility our married siblings seem to feel empowered to duck because they are "busier"	May 6, 2012 8:09 AM
492	I live in a family environment where I have an elderly relative to consider so all the above is already a situation of considering living and being with someone else and taking that into consideration.	May 6, 2012 7:29 AM
493	Holidays I have found can be tricky, in terms of always finding friends to go away with.	May 6, 2012 7:15 AM
494	I am a widow who lived with a very controlling husband who suffered from cancer for the last 2 years of his life	May 6, 2012 3:15 AM
495	having had a partner i find it hard when making choice about most thing it	May 6, 2012 3:07 AM

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	nice to share thing together	
496	I am a single working professional	May 6, 2012 2:48 AM
497	I am a carer for a parent with Alzheimers.	May 6, 2012 1:46 AM
498	Disagree because i believe that whatever i need to do when married, i may have the freedom to continue to do with an understanding partner.	May 5, 2012 5:45 PM
499	I think that singleness brings a lot of freedom, independence and lack of independence, but it also brings a lot of loneliness for me. I am also less active when I am single as I dislike doing activities on my own, and if most of your friends are married with children, you don't have a choice but to consider doing things on your own.	May 5, 2012 3:46 PM
500	Not a free person as responsibilites for extended - not immediate family - for which there is no reciprocal care. so a losing situation all round	May 5, 2012 2:39 PM
501	My children have grown up and youngest is at university and so a few years ago my answers may have differed because of responsibilities.	May 5, 2012 2:22 PM
502	now that my children are older i have a lot more freedom, when they were younger i really struggled and got depressed at times as i felt church could do a lot more for people in my situation	May 5, 2012 1:59 PM
503	Feel I ned to be happy with myself before entering into another reallationship	May 5, 2012 1:32 PM
504	I am a single woman, I would have liked to share all my experiences with my husband if I had one.	May 5, 2012 12:21 PM
505	I have never had a different marital status with which to compare my current marital status so I am not answering this question.	May 5, 2012 11:27 AM
506	I believe that if the right choice was made and God's blessing was upon it then I would be happier married as i find it very lonely being single and living alone. I believe that we were designed to be in relationship. I miss being loved and having the opportunity to love someone	May 5, 2012 10:17 AM
507	but I would welcome having someone else, my own family as I always have to visit other people's family. My children visit less than if I had a partner. And I have had enough of so-called independence and making all the decisions and doing everything from admin to cleaning to last me six lifetimes. I will probably live in a community or another family if i do not get married again because living alone is just too difficult after so many years, although I like being alone. But it is not natural and I tend to become a hermit. However, this is because I do not have any lovers either, whereas many people, Christians and non Christians alike, might be single but actually have the odd lover or more. Being single does not mean no sex for many, whereas for me I see no reason not to get married. This is maybe one reason why lots of people don't see the need to get married or remarried?	May 5, 2012 8:52 AM
508	Peaceful life - yes as I am divorced following a violent relationship - this makes it hard to trust anyone again - male or female. My Christian faith has been refreshed and the church family are very supportive about this issue.	May 5, 2012 8:23 AM
509	I think as a single I am very busy, working full time. I may not have children but I also dont have a spouse of family near by to help me do shopping, errands, housework, ironing etc, sort bills, fix things, organise workmen. I	May 5, 2012 8:08 AM

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	have to do it all, no one else to pick up slack or help out. Especially difficult when ill.	
510	Due to my unemployment I am back at the family home, shared with foster children with significant additional needs, in whose care I am involved. I am also in a rural community separated from friends and places which might offer those social choices. These things make meeting someone difficult anyway, as well as highlighting how much I feel I'm missing out on.	May 5, 2012 7:54 AM
511	At the moment I live with a parent and my brother, but I would like to have my own independence to live my own life without arguments and tension between me and my brother.	May 5, 2012 7:22 AM
512	I would answer these questions more positively if I wasn't living at home with my parents, who've been unhappily married for 30 years next July. Also, my Dad is dementing (though undiagnosed) and he's very withdrawn and a lot of work for Mum. I don't do much of what's traditionally considered housework, but I'm the first port of call for everything that goes wrong with the family computers which all need replacing (and so does the router and the ISP, but that's Dad's decision, and he'll never decide for change). I also end up being a shoulder for Mum when she's getting overwhelmed by Dad. I also find that I have very little energy left at the weekend to do much more than go to church on Sunday, so it's energy rather than time that's my limiting factor for doing the good things listed above. Mum blames my long work days as by the time I've caught two buses out in the morning, done a day's work, and caught two buses home again that's 12 hours gone.	May 5, 2012 7:09 AM
513	After being an abused wife I feel free and would not want the life that I left behind.	May 5, 2012 6:45 AM
514	I have an immune condition which limits my energy and the amount in which i can do and this has strongly effected my answers. I actually find that being in a relationship I am able to do more as some of the things in life are shared which makes it easier for me.	May 5, 2012 4:56 AM
515	Being single as Foster Carer has a lot of advantages	May 5, 2012 4:33 AM
516	I am a single parent	May 5, 2012 3:45 AM
517	Although fairly well I have a long term chronic illness which can be difficult to cope alone. i find being alone very stressful at times especially during school holidays and bank holidays. miss the caring for another and companionship. Think I have a lot of qualities and love to offer to another. Financial restrictions can make life difficult when you can't afford to travel alone, away on a course, often things to absorb my interests are expensive and so the freedom of being free is negated.	May 5, 2012 2:55 AM
518	I'm not really entirely happy being single!	May 5, 2012 1:14 AM
519	I do enjoy doing many of these things, however as a single person I also hope to meet a marriage partner where we share some of those desires and are stronger doing them together.	May 5, 2012 12:34 AM
520	Single parent with 3 children living at home. Work commitments and health problems of 1 child restrict social and holiday possibilities	May 4, 2012 4:57 PM
521	I'm 40 this year so finding my soulmate has been playing on my mind for a number of years. Whilst I am happy in my life and at home I am unhappy that	May 4, 2012 4:42 PM

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	everyone else seems to have 'started' their lives and journeys with their partners whereas I feel somewhat...stagnant. But I know and need to continue to have faith that God has this all under control.	
522	Carer for parent noty living with me	May 4, 2012 3:51 PM
523	The word single has become confused. There is a huge difference between those with children/divorced etc. I believe being single means having never been married.	May 4, 2012 3:31 PM
524	Being single with children and no assistance from church family to help me look after my children means i cannot attend church events in evenings and some other times. I have no time for myself or opportunities for developing my ministry/calling as I am always at home with my children in the evenings. I never get invites to other christian homes or meetings with other people of any age really. it is disappointing that the church has no groups to cater for single mums and dads together with other singles in any way. I feel left out and only able to attend on Sunday mornings because of my situation.	May 4, 2012 2:07 PM
525	I was happy in my marriage and it added to, rather than took away from being able to spend time with family, friends etc; my late husband was always supportive in all my involvement with church/christian life. Planning holidays as a single is not anything like as enjoyyable as it was when my husband was alive; it was stressful in the yeears after his death, especially when the children were younger.	May 4, 2012 2:04 PM
526	I am the sole parent for my 13 year old son. We visit his dad in Germany once a year. I am the sole earner so don't have the money to pursue hobbies much.	May 4, 2012 1:53 PM
527	The so-called 'advantages' listed above are more than offset by the loneliness and unmet emotional needs.	May 4, 2012 1:35 PM
528	I have 2 children who I look after full time and so some of the questions above I am unable to answer proper;y as I have responsibilities with them	May 4, 2012 1:01 PM
529	I have been single all my life. Nobody wants me and I'm just waiting to be called by my Maker Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	May 4, 2012 12:12 PM
530	Looking after other people can be family, friends etc, not just a spouse. Even long distance family can be a responsibility. Also, if I were married I hope I wouldn't be a "responsibility to be looked after", that makes me sound helpless! If I get married I don't want to be looked after, I want someone to stand beside me, not in front of me to shield me!	May 4, 2012 11:57 AM
531	SINGLE PARENT TO TEENAGERS BRINGS SEPARATE CHALLENGES AND ISSUES	May 4, 2012 11:49 AM
532	IN all cases being single has added to the amount of work I have to do at home and has further limited what I can do in terms of going out and spending time as I choose. I only get 2 nights per fortnight to myself when my children see my ex-husband and then I'm usually so tired I can't really do anything	May 4, 2012 11:34 AM
533	I've recently chosen to foster 2 chidren on a permanent basis so asnwering these questions is not appropriate.	May 4, 2012 11:22 AM
534	I love my children dearly but the work load is sometimes overwhelming and	May 4, 2012 11:18 AM

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	gives little opportunity for self indulgence or freedom Depends on your support network	
535	I have children so freedom and spare time dont come into the equation, if i had a partner then i would have more freedom and spare time to do as i wish because the child care would be shared	May 4, 2012 10:36 AM
536	I am single and alone (not a single parent). I am introverted, so I tend not to need other people close to me.	May 4, 2012 6:13 AM
537	These questions are all based on the premise that single people have more time on their hands, which is, quite frankly, complete bollocks. As a single person, you have to do your own shopping, cooking, cleaning and ironing, mow your own lawn, sort out your own financial affairs etc. etc., as well as arranging your own social life, because it's not waiting at home for you when you get back from work. There is nobody to help share this load. And you have to do all this on a single income, so you can't afford any paid help with domestic chores that you might be able to if you were in a couple. Oh, and of course as a single person, you end up spending a lot of time doing online dating - hopefully worth it in the end, but really hard work, and extremely time consuming. Married people don't have this demand on their time, do they? So, no, actually, I don't have any extra spare time to devote to prayer or ministry, because after all that, I'm too bloody knackered and need some sleep.	May 4, 2012 4:05 AM
538	I make pursuing what I believe God is calling me in to, my mission but I would very much like someone to share the journey and maybe the mission, with.	May 4, 2012 2:40 AM
539	Single parent so that impacts levels of freedom and choice.	May 4, 2012 1:04 AM
540	I would rather die than go on a singles holiday (an exaggeration but...) The stuggle is, who do you go on holiday with, I find this the hardest thing of all, and the older I get the less people there are to ask.	May 3, 2012 11:13 PM
541	SPEND MORE TIME WITH GOD LET HIM BE THE BEST MATCH MAKER IF GODS WILL TO BE SOMEONE	May 3, 2012 3:57 PM
542	since hitting my mid 30s my opinion has changed. I was very happy being single and could not wonder why people would get upset at not being - I was my own person. Now I feel different. Life is about relationships and sharing. Nothing better than to be a mother - woman was created for company for a man .	May 3, 2012 2:16 PM
543	As a single parent there is very little time I have to myself. When I was married my wife and I both had ministries which we could support each other in by sharing the care of the kids. Now I have the sole responsibility it really limits the time and "space" I have	May 3, 2012 2:01 PM
544	I share a flat and enjoy living with others. I wouldn't want to live alone and think that those who live alone have to guard against becoming a little inflexible and intolerant as the years go by! But I have moved around quite a bit and shared with different people - overall a positive experience, but there can be a feeling of impermanence.	May 3, 2012 1:58 PM
545	Becoming single was not a choice, but accept that there are benefits to having my own independence . I would prefer to share life with another but accept also that being single maybe God's plan for me.	May 3, 2012 12:17 PM

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546	I am happy but would prefer a boyfriend to meet 'the one' as then I would be able to enjoy doing things together including going to church, sharing our faith, spending time with our friends and family as a couple.	May 3, 2012 12:01 PM
547	Having a dependent child means I can't have total freedom or independence as I have a responsibility to him. Being separated also means I live on a reduced income, so don't have the financial independence I would like, or the means to visit places or do things that I would enjoy.	May 3, 2012 11:49 AM
548	I don't just enjoy these because I am single. I don't have more time to myself do spend doing things. I work long hours and I have to do everything myself.	May 3, 2012 11:45 AM
549	yes I am a single parent and it is such a blessing to have some time occasionally (when children are with ex-spouse) to discover being single again. I make my own plans and it will be a while before I feel confident enough to want to share that with someone in a serious way. With all the positive aspects of companionship, also come the responsibilities.	May 3, 2012 11:33 AM
550	My employment involves caring.	May 3, 2012 11:26 AM
551	I have recently started going out with someone, after many years of being single, and I have struggled to let go of all the above and live a different way in a relationship. It has taken me nearly 6 months to leave my single life - the only life I knew how to do really.	May 3, 2012 11:14 AM
552	There's only so long you can devote to prayer and faith. Life is for living.	May 3, 2012 10:32 AM
553	Not a carer but have involvement in my grandchildren's lives which is wonderful.	May 3, 2012 10:30 AM
554	With my children living with me at weekends and travelling 120 miles to be with them I find that, if anything, life is more restrictive now than when I was married but that is down to individual circumstances	May 3, 2012 10:24 AM
555	I think that in the larger churches people can get away with an awful lot more than they would if they were in smaller churches. Also people can feel very much smaller in bigger churches especially if they are single and feel unloved or unwanted by others.	May 3, 2012 9:54 AM
556	Single, never married	May 3, 2012 8:33 AM
557	I have been single so long, it's difficult for me to answer questions relating to 'being with someone', as I don't know really what to compare my singleness with...	May 3, 2012 7:05 AM
558	No children. Afraid of dying barren!! Please help me!	May 3, 2012 6:25 AM
559	My wife's departure caused me some financial distress, so despite being single my scope for independent action was often limited by lack of resources. As for spending time with friends, most of my peers are now busy with raising children. It seems to be equally true within the church that couples tend to spend time with other couples.	May 3, 2012 6:11 AM
560	I was happy being single and lived a full life, however I wanted to be dating and enjoy both the sharing and time responsibility that comes with that. I was not in self-pity for being single but I did want to be in a relationship and am enjoying the early stages of the relationship I have recently embarked on. I don't think marriage is the solution to happiness, not at all; but in my case I	May 3, 2012 5:30 AM

	think their is a desire to be married one day and living a life of singleness did not appeal. I personally do not have some false idea that marriage will be bliss (divorced parents and friends show otherwise) but I do believe that I can have a fruitful marriage that with hard work and perseverance will make me happier than if I remained single.	
561	It is difficult to measure my answers by the choices given as they can fluctuate at given times as i'd like sometimes to be able to let my partner make shared choices/decisions around social, future plans - Hope this makes sense.	May 3, 2012 4:49 AM
562	Am a carer for my father who has alzheimers but would love a family of my own. My married sister does nothing for my Dad. You feel much more responsible for your parents when you are single. I do however have lovely christian parents!!	May 3, 2012 2:27 AM
563	I am a single parent, so am therefore restricted on my decisions	May 3, 2012 2:24 AM
564	I have two children living part time with me. I was married to a manipulative and controlling man.	May 3, 2012 2:22 AM
565	It has its benefits beingsingle but also its negatives. Im asingle parent.	May 3, 2012 2:16 AM
566	I feel like i wish there was someone by my side i have alot of love to give the right person i would love to take care of them and make them happy. but God perhaps has other plans for me i dont know at this stage i wait and hope someone comes along i think though i want to give faith a helping hand i dont think God would mind i have prayed for his trust in me .	May 3, 2012 1:21 AM
567	singleness was aproprite, marrgie not the answer to happnes but needs work like any relationsip and one model of living life as is singleness, how to help single people feel fullifn and have apprprite stageges to meet som of those emotion needs and support you get comfrot and compny you get in a marrage but in a appreoapate plutonic way. give permission for single people to explore who they like and ehy safly and approptarly	May 3, 2012 1:14 AM
568	I am a single parent and don't enjoy much independence or freedom regardless of whether I'm attached or not. However, most of the things mentioned here, like holidays, I prefer to have the input of a significant other on rather than doing my own thing. I would tend not to do anything at all on my own.	May 3, 2012 1:11 AM
569	I feel that my ultimate goal in life is to be a wife & mother. I feel that at 23 it is difficult to meet someone who will be both interested in me & who shares this goal, most people of a similar age will not yet know whether this is what they want from life.	May 3, 2012 12:34 AM
570	I am a single parent living with my mum so I have a good mix.	May 3, 2012 12:04 AM
571	I'm undecided about my single state, as I had an extremely difficult relationship with my ex husband, which caused me many years of unhappiness, a place I would never want to go back to. Having said that I see a lot of happy relationship within my church and often feel I would like that.	May 2, 2012 10:36 PM
572	Well i enjoy being able to make my own decissions but this is only because i have had to...once i enjoyed the flavour of someone else...and i hate doing things on my own...i enjoyed being married and having someone to share life	May 2, 2012 6:21 PM

with...unfortunately they were habitually unfaithfull to both myself and the family

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| 573 | It is certainly a strange thing to be single and a parent. You are neither single or married, neither alone or with anyone. It definitely has its rewards, i enjoy spending more time with my daughter than i would if i was married and as she has been chronically sick for the past seven years i am glad we have been alone. It does lack substance though. and i wish i had someone to share it with. I am happy whether i am single or married, but to be married to a christian would be wonderful, but having not experienced it i am not sure i could adapt easily to the changes it would bring. We have not had a man in our home for 18 years and it would be extremely weird now. You sometimes wonder if you are better off staying single but am aware of missing dimensions to life and the lack of a role model for her. Caring is exhausting and i would have been useless as a partner but i would have so welcomed being someone that somebody cared about, but we were too busy fighting her illness. Would be lovely just sometimes to have someone stronger than me who could say, its going to be alright. Thank God he says he will be a husband to those who have none and a father to the fatherless. x | May 2, 2012 4:47 PM |
| 574 | I have a mental illness (bipolar disorder) so finding somebody who accepts that is really difficult. I would far rather be single than in a relationship with somebody who isn't who God wants me to be with/isn't right for me. I'm not prepared to compromise on my future. | May 2, 2012 3:04 PM |
| 575 | When youve been waiting and waiting for ages in agreement with what you believe God is saying re a relationship it is frustrating .. Most ladies in my category will now have children of one age or another .. my dilemma is that I either take on someone with such attachments or stay single because there are relatively few really single women left for my age. | May 2, 2012 2:45 PM |
| 576 | I have been married in the past so can see the benefits of singleness and being in a Christian marriage. I am learning to appreciate my singleness for now and the freedom and independance that gives me, but would really like to be married again in the future. | May 2, 2012 2:35 PM |
| 577 | I don't want to be single. I have been married for 31 years so singleness is a steep learning curve. I realise the vaule of being whole married or single. | May 2, 2012 2:26 PM |
| 578 | I know you know this but the questions above are a little difficult to answer without an actual other half! It would depend on the character, habits and priorities of my other half what effect the partnership would have on my enjoyment of the above! | May 2, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 579 | Difficult to answer. I'm single but still have family and other commitments. Recently started a relationship, and so far I find being with him more peaceful than being at home! | May 2, 2012 2:11 PM |
| 580 | Have children to look after | May 2, 2012 2:10 PM |
| 581 | Singlw parent of 3 for last 10 years, eldest now nearly 18 so little time for me would have been nice to have had another pair of hands around and to share parenting with. | May 2, 2012 2:04 PM |
| 582 | As a single I can enjoy what can become a 'selfish' lifestyle but actually as a single I would quite like to be able to share these experiences with someone else. I do have rich friendships (and am never lacking in things to do) but many of these are now married with families and sometimes being the add | May 2, 2012 1:54 PM |

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	on at social events or church family events just reinforces being single. (if that makes sense?!)	
583	never had a relationship so don't know the alternative	May 2, 2012 1:46 PM
584	I am more positive than I have ever been about my singleness - but it is not that way from choice- I know that I would prefer to be married.	May 2, 2012 1:43 PM
585	I have three children, so don't enjoy the benefits of a peaceful home, or not having another to care for! I would like to share that responsibility with someone else, but still have a lot of fun on my own, and would rather have children than not.	May 2, 2012 1:41 PM
586	I have been single for all of my life, so I don't really know what it's like to be in a relationship with someone. I have put a tick next to the things that I would find hard to give up, though, if/when I do get into a relationship. Another thing that I would find hard to give up is some of my time spent on hobbies, e.g. playing musical instruments, reading books etc.	May 2, 2012 1:39 PM
587	I am a single parent.	May 2, 2012 1:39 PM
588	Being single is where I am right now. Not always easy sometimes lonely. But learning contentment in God has been a real breakthrough. Befreinding other singles and supporting them is good. Its not always about finding a partner. More about serving together. This life is short Jesus our Lord is coming back so best focus my energies seeking His face,	May 2, 2012 1:26 PM
589	Having been married, i believe there are more benefits and that being married could actually enhance all the above statements. It is a misnomer that singles have more time and freedom. I find beause I have to think of and do everything (work and home) my time is quite committed. Also not having partner can restrict holiday opps etc eg no one to go with, single supplements, safety aspects of being a single woman on holiday etc	May 2, 2012 1:26 PM
590	all my friends r married or have a partner,at weekends they r busy,so i don,t get to see my friends as offten as i would like.i haven,t been on holiday for 7yrs because i have no one to go with	May 2, 2012 1:20 PM
591	Being disabled, I have often felt pressured by a partner for doing more than I'm capable of because we should be spending lots of time together. In the end, I can find it a burden and get more sick	May 2, 2012 1:11 PM
592	Being a widow my past experience has taught me that marriage suits me best.	May 2, 2012 12:48 PM
593	I LOVE BEING A HELPMATE, THE LONELINESS , DECISIONS, AND CHALLENGE TO BE BOLD, AND OUTGOING IS HUGE. bE EASY TO SHRINK BACK AND HIDE AWAY !!! ALSO I MISS HUGS AND JUST BEING LOVED, SO HAVE TO TRUST GOD TO FILL THESE EMPTY SPACES.	May 2, 2012 12:41 PM
594	Even though being single is better than being married to the wrong person, and there is a peace in that, to have someone who shares your life as christians, is what I pray for. Nothing less will do	May 2, 2012 12:09 PM
595	Yes I am a single parent now, so I am not as free as some might be, but I am content, and the freedom from major conflict is wonderful! My older children do babysit so I am able to get out on my own sometimes.	May 2, 2012 12:03 PM

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596	Just got divorced	May 2, 2012 11:58 AM
597	I have answered the above as a single 25 year old living at home currently starting on the journey of exploring my calling from God.	May 2, 2012 11:54 AM
598	Now I know why I'm single! - but I still find some women very beautiful and that can hurt.	May 2, 2012 11:31 AM
599	Single parent	May 2, 2012 11:30 AM
600	good comment, as a single parent my choices here are limited	May 2, 2012 11:24 AM
601	I am a full time working woman, for a few years I had extra responsibility of looking after parents every weekend but they are now in a residential home. However, I am now left with no close family and am on my own. I have spent the last two Christmas Days on my own with nobody from my church even asking my circumstances. I am independent and can cope but it's a bit of a lonely life sometimes and I would not wish to be invited to somebody's for the sake of it, in fact if they do not embrace me most of the year I would rather they did not bother at Christmas.	May 2, 2012 11:16 AM
602	All of the above I agree with, but it is still a lonely existence.	May 2, 2012 10:57 AM
603	I think there is the myth that as a single person you must have lots of extra time. If you are a couple you split a lot of the 'living' duties such as car and house maintenance, cooking, cleaning, earning money, sorting finances, budgeting, planning holidays and you have a default person to spend time with where as a single person you do all those things alone AND have to arrange your social life all the time. I LOVE the independence. Sometimes I am overwhelmed with all the possibilities. Sometimes I feel like I'd like someone else to make a decision for me.	May 2, 2012 10:56 AM
604	One of the main reasons I have chosen for now to stay single is that I have felt that for a season at least, I am more free to serve God than I might be were I married.	May 2, 2012 10:40 AM
605	Having children constrains the independence and freedom to do what I want.	May 2, 2012 10:38 AM
606	I feel that with the support of a partner I would be more able to pursue my calling and ministry. I do not spend a great deal of time with my biological family, if I had a partner they would be my family so in that sense I would then spend more time with my family than I do presently, but then obviously I would spend less time with friends. I would love to enjoy the responsibility of looking after children.	May 2, 2012 10:35 AM
607	I am a single parent so I do not get a lot of free time, I also work part time and have quite a demanding job.	May 2, 2012 10:33 AM
608	I see my singleness as freedom, but am anxious about the future at times. It's nice to make your own choices, but sometimes it would be nice for someone to help you make those choices, and to support you in them. Sometimes it would be nice to have someone to 'argue' with, or to disagree with. Time and space to devote to prayer does not necessarily come with singleness - you should have that anyway. I only link my singleness with loneliness when I need some comfort (times of difficult decisions, or illness), and I'm not sure how to get round that. Generally, my singleness is a state of contentment, but there is space in that contentment for change into a partnership.	May 2, 2012 10:33 AM

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609	I have elderly parents and so am not free of responsibilities, but holidays are a tricky one as they have to be planned well in advance or you have to go on your own!	May 2, 2012 10:14 AM
610	I am a single parent and therefore my time is quite restricted because I work part time as well.	May 2, 2012 10:08 AM
611	Am a single person	May 2, 2012 10:07 AM
612	I am single but live with my 15 year-old daughter and so do not feel totally independent. I do not earn enough money to have the freedom to choose about holidays.	May 2, 2012 9:57 AM
613	I often think of both sides: being single has its advantages like independence, freedom, pursuing a ministry and use the time as you like; however, I am a very caring person and caring for someone else I love would make me happier, although I tend to consider the downside of marriage too, arguing, decision making and different opinions, etc. Prayer and time for God should not depend on marriage; if anything, marriage creates more time to spend together and with God.	May 2, 2012 9:56 AM
614	As dad lives with me at the moment, my responses are different to what they would have been two or three years ago.	May 2, 2012 9:52 AM
615	Have always been single.	May 2, 2012 9:37 AM
616	single parent with son going of to university this year. Also have nephew in 20's living with me at the moment	May 2, 2012 9:35 AM
617	I think it is a myth that single people have more time. I am the breadwinner, the cook, cleaner, shopper, gardener, painter, decorator, and I am expected to serve in the church, which I do, and I am expected to be hospitable and social!	May 2, 2012 9:31 AM
618	I do enjoy these things, but if I wasn't single I'd enjoy planning holidays and the future with another person. Both scenarios are positive if you want them to be.	May 2, 2012 9:30 AM
619	I'm happy to be single and have spent more than half my adult life being single and as a single parent. I'm reluctant to change that status but am happy to consider the possibility of a wife.	May 2, 2012 9:27 AM
620	As a lone parent I felt I did not want to introduce any other man into my childrens life as they had a quite traumatic time with their father becoming mentally ill and leaving us I felt they needed the stability of me devoting myself to them and giving them the best upbringing I could in the circumstances. It is only now that my children are all adults that I am looking to have a relationship.	May 2, 2012 9:26 AM
621	I have been single for quite a while and have become a little less blown around by feelings. I am also quite financially independent and find it difficult to think of having to support someone who is not in a similar position, even though this feels a little against what a 'good Christian should think'	May 2, 2012 9:26 AM
622	i am a single parent so find it hard with bringing my children up alone not that bein married was easy just this is not how i feel it was meant to be, i hope to meet a christian,havnt had much luck so far	May 2, 2012 9:25 AM

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623	Planning holidays is very hard, you are expected to share a bedroom with people you don't know or pay extra - friends are often not free at the same time and many years I have not had a holiday as I have no-one to go with and the thought of having to make endless polite conversation with people you have never met before does not make for a totally relaxing time. Looking after elderly parents has been described as the "single woman's burden" if you are single there is often a perception that you have more time than your married siblings to care for your parents - robbing you of time to put your own need for intimacy in relationship first and making finding someone less likely as you are worn out by weekends away looking after elderly relatives. Many of my single friends left the church in their early 30s as they had not successfully found partners in the church, they all entered relationships with non-christians as a result. Churches don't help single people just enjoy the fact rather than being stuck home alone single people often get stuck into ministry as a distraction from loneliness rather than from a total heartfelt burden to serve	May 2, 2012 9:25 AM
624	Am not a single parent or career but have a job that involves long hours and takes me all over the country	May 2, 2012 9:24 AM
625	It is an advantage when studying to be single. Much easier than when having the demands of spouse/small children.	May 2, 2012 9:22 AM
626	I may be happy most of the time being single, but there are times I am overwhelmed with loneliness. I get on very well with lots of freinds children but they are not mine. I have no reason to come home, no one to share my life with, no reason to get up in the morning apart from work. I am very good at being "busy", busy being lonely. I am rarely in. If you want to be sure to get hold of me text me as I'll be out and about. Married couples do not usually have time for those who are still single. We are the forgotten, invisibles who help out at church. Whom people dump on because we have no families of our own therefore we are more expendable.	May 2, 2012 9:19 AM
627	I was a PT carer for my mum and being single, and not having anyone to support me was very hard indeed.	May 2, 2012 9:07 AM
628	I am a single parent	May 2, 2012 9:04 AM
629	My busy job (and additional study) are often an excuse for not making more of an effort to find a partner. However, the long school holidays are unbearably long with no one to spend them.	May 2, 2012 9:03 AM
630	I am disabled myself i am early sixties there are no wheelchair user (s) to contact with. it would nice feel contact other christians	May 2, 2012 8:54 AM
631	I agree to all the above questions but I answered disregarding the fact that I am a singloe parent.	May 2, 2012 8:47 AM
632	its great but ive been single for 11 years now and no joy so a man would be great	May 2, 2012 8:46 AM
633	Single parent	May 2, 2012 8:44 AM
634	63 YEAR OLD DIVORCED BLOKE..... Now meeting someone through CC. I am blissfully happy. Really extactically happy !!!!!!!	May 2, 2012 8:40 AM
635	was a single parent & married twice now so feel although I would like to meet someone to share my life with I feel I would do a great mis justice to being	May 2, 2012 8:31 AM

	'married' again (as a christian) which, at low points makes me feel apathetic because I cant see a Christian man wanting to marry a twice divorced woman. BUT Ive overcome this now but mainly, sadly with an increase in non-christian friends. This was one of the reasons I have signed up to your site - hoping to make some friends who are enlightened in the ways of life and how it can turn out, in the area of marriage differently to the considered church 'norm'.	
636	I don't have a peaceful home life even though I am single - one of my adult daughters lives with me and she can argue for England! Also, I need to spend quite a lot of time with my elderly parents - my father is now very disabled - so I have little time for myself.	May 2, 2012 8:26 AM
637	The ones about peace and time don't apply to single parents!	May 2, 2012 8:16 AM
638	My own situation is that I am single which has its advantages however , I would like to share my life with someone and have a close relationship, but I feel that there are not enough outlets for me to mix with other singles around my age.	May 2, 2012 8:08 AM
639	I have the responsibility to look after my mother - as a single I feel I have no support in that	May 2, 2012 7:51 AM
640	It's just that I'm still young :)	May 2, 2012 7:49 AM
641	being single parent restricts the time you have available which also alienates you from other single people particularly men who have lots of free time	May 2, 2012 7:48 AM
642	I'm a single parent so haven't always had that much freedom.	May 2, 2012 7:45 AM
643	I think I would be able to enjoy the above activities even if I were married. Well, a few of them to a certain extent atleast!	May 2, 2012 7:27 AM
644	no comment	May 2, 2012 7:19 AM
645	I am a single mid twenties male living in rented accommodation with a very comfortable income and a secure job, life in that aspect is just peachy	May 2, 2012 7:16 AM
646	For question 24 I wouldn't use the word happy but would use the word fulfilled. Being happy is a choice you make. e.g. being grateful and focussing on the positives which you can do because of your relationship with God. Being fulfilled I find harder to do and that's what causes me to struggle as a single person.	May 2, 2012 7:14 AM
647	My circumstances mean I am trapped in a flat and town that I hate. It doesn't matter if I am single or married as I am miserable where I am. The Church of course is only interested that I continue to go to their meetings and don't want me to move away for that reason. If they really wanted what's best for me they would help me move despite it meaning that they would have one less attendee. However, they are small and are not supportive of my desire to move, so I feel they are motivated by their own best interests ahead of mine. I need help to move and they wouldn't help, even if they had the money (which they don't).	May 2, 2012 7:13 AM
648	I still have a lot of unresolved feelings for my ex-husband and hate being divorced, I always believed marriage was forever.	May 2, 2012 7:02 AM
649	I agree with those statements but that still doesn't mean I like being	May 2, 2012 6:58 AM

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	single. On paper those things all make sense but underneath there is a great desire for a close relationship with someone.	
650	I am a single parent	May 2, 2012 6:55 AM
651	My experience of marriage was extremely positive and I would love to be in that sort of relationship again.	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
652	As a single parent I always have the children to consider and be responsible for.	May 2, 2012 6:49 AM
653	I enjoy the above situations and make use of the fact that I am single, but I don't wish to be single. I have tried a number of different things - visiting different churches, going to conferences, getting involved with different ministries in the church, speed dating, online dating. During the online dating experience, men didn't initiate anything, seemed scared and pretty passive, so it was a pretty negative experience. I mention it here, as I don't know if there are other places to pass on that opinion.	May 2, 2012 6:49 AM
654	I am a missionary in South Sudan, would I still be able to be living in Africa if I was married, I don't know? I had been content with being single up until about a year ago, I'm not sure why it changed but it did, it's very hard to meet people on the mission field.	May 2, 2012 6:46 AM
655	I think as a single parent you feel very responsible for your children - even adult children. Also if you have to work f/t as I do then you have very little spare time.	May 2, 2012 6:45 AM
656	going on holiday, on ones own is not fun. prayer on own is ok but if on goes on retreat it no good, they one need to spend time on own, to seek god , i spend time on my own in the first place, so why go? greenbelt better you not on our own.	May 2, 2012 6:39 AM
657	Single no children	May 2, 2012 6:38 AM
658	I am a single parent with 2 teenagers so my home is neither peaceful and I still feel tied to a certain extent. [2 boys 18 and 16]	May 2, 2012 6:35 AM
659	Single, living at home with family	May 2, 2012 6:35 AM
660	I spend most of my time working hard and looking after my two grown up (?) children.	May 2, 2012 6:24 AM
661	I need a father figure for my child. I am a happy person but I want a home for my child and I want more kids too and no one cares	May 2, 2012 6:20 AM
662	I am a single parent with older children. It would be nice to have someone to share day to day issues, both good and bad with, as well as having someone to share activities with. I think the longer you are on your own though the more you can get used to being able to do your own thing.	May 2, 2012 6:15 AM
663	The peaceful home life I love but my reasoning is not about peace to live without arguments	May 2, 2012 5:59 AM
664	I have been single a long time. Would like to have remarried but have never met the right person. Now my sister has dementia and I have become one of her carers so would not be able to give time to a relationship.	May 2, 2012 5:54 AM

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665	as a single parent I am not experiencing the freedom. I have all the work and no support, so all the issues and arguements and noone to revive me!	May 2, 2012 5:52 AM
666	I miss my husband best freind of 40 years and there is a void that cannot be filled.	May 2, 2012 5:52 AM
667	Sharing a home with flatmates is not more conflict-free than sharing with family!	May 2, 2012 5:50 AM
668	have disagreed or put sometimes agree only because living alone can also bring other constraints ie. lack of money and resources that a lot of married couples enjoy. I remember bemoaning my lack of time to a married christian friend; his responce was that he had more free time than me since a lot of the chores and work of running a home were split between he and his wife and that it was no wonder he had more free time and energy than me.	May 2, 2012 5:48 AM
669	I have litte freedom due to living with my disabled son as a lone parent	May 2, 2012 5:42 AM
670	single never been married carer for mother but my happiness cannot last for ever particularly if i marry (joke)	May 2, 2012 5:37 AM
671	As a single person living alone, I value all the things mentioned above and try to make the best of them. I just know from past experience that I am far happier when I am living with someone else, even if it is just a flat share.	May 2, 2012 5:36 AM
672	i have no children. the main reason for wanting to get married is that i'd love to have a family. i believe that my mentor might have encouraged me to go ahead and marry the non christian because she knows how important to me this is. i have been in both healthy and unhealthy relationships with both christians and non christians. i am someone of very strong faith. i would not encourage people to date non christians unless this was the case and they were really committed to their faith. because i grew up in a non christian family i find it normal and fairly easy to defend my faith. issues between me and the non christian recently have made me even more determined not to commit to a serious relationship with him unless he first turns to God. he has moments of openness when i'm certain that this is the path that he will take. its just a matter of time and continuing in prayer. i would rather stay single than be in a relationship which took me away from God, God knows this and protects me. I would love to have children but have told the Lord many times that i am prepared to surrender marraige for him, but then on other days i ask him if i can get married and have a partner. there are many things i will miss about being single when i settle down, but i would prefer to be with someone as all my family have partners, and it is when i am with them that i feel most alone. i tend to get on with things better and be more positive when i am with someone.	May 2, 2012 5:34 AM
673	single parent	May 2, 2012 5:32 AM
674	don't know.	May 2, 2012 5:32 AM
675	I am a widow and have been out on dates but find it difficult at this age as my lifestyle has been set.	May 2, 2012 5:30 AM
676	I have a health condition which leaves me with very little energy. It can be a real blessing to be living on my own with no need to feel responsible for anybody else, but at the same time, loving companionship would make a big difference to my life (which is why I said I would be happier being in a relationship in response to the previous question).	May 2, 2012 5:29 AM

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677	As a single parent I have to also consider that my children are fatherless and would benefit from a two parent home.	May 2, 2012 5:22 AM
678	I am happy with all of the above and would rather remain single than be unhappy in a relationship. I would like a companion, confident and lover though!	May 2, 2012 5:22 AM
679	I'm single and have never been married, and don't have any dependants	May 2, 2012 5:17 AM
680	I am single and although I don't live with my mother, she is registered disabled and I am the closest relative to her.	May 2, 2012 4:41 AM
681	I believe that being in a relationship or being married should have no impact on one's faith and prayer life. It can have an effect on social life and I would see my friends less often, especially at weekend. I guess that in a place like London, one can have a better level of living when they move in with their partner as they can share the home costs and/or escape from flat sharing.	Apr 5, 2012 3:13 AM