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1	i can connect when i want to with good as my risen saviour and friend in whom i have trust in all and every part of my life now and in future.	Oct 22, 2012 3:30 PM
2	Knowing that I'm never alone, but that I'm loved and accepted by God, and that my life is safe in his hands. Being part of church family. It's especially good getting to know and share life with church family over a period of years, but it's also incredibly helpful to know that when you turn up in a new place, you can go along to church and meet brothers and sisters in Christ and be welcomed as part of the family.	Oct 18, 2012 1:01 PM
3	Not having to tidy up if I don't want to	Oct 8, 2012 4:18 AM
4	I dont see any positivies. Because I have less responsibility that does not place me in a better position. I feel socially isolated 90% of the time and work long hours to hide from this social exclusion. Sngles who are young are less likely to be excluded than those that are older. YOu are frowned upon like no one wants you or something is wrong with you.	Sep 30, 2012 7:17 AM
5	Since I have married children & grandchildren, the sting of singleness is not so great for me. When I was married neither of us were Christians . When my husband left after 15 years it was the trauma of this that propelled me into the Christian faith. I needed supernatural help and knew it.Though it has been sad & lonely at times, I have been so much more open to God in my life than I suspect I would have been if married. I am thus becoming more fully developed as a person. I look around at my non-christian friends & realise I am richer in life through hard times than possibly they are in their more comfortable settings. Knowing something of Jesus now as I do is worth the pain. Maybe I wouldn't have discovered Him until much later or even at all if my husband hadn't left.I am perhaps more resourceful at times than my n.-chr. friends.	Sep 27, 2012 4:02 PM
6	I don't feel that I need a partner in order to socialise, especially not amongst friends or family, but it is difficult if solely surrounded by couples and also at weddings! I don't know that being a single Christian is any better than being a single non-Christian. I do trust in God but don't necessarily think He will find me a partner.	Sep 27, 2012 11:48 AM
7	.	Sep 25, 2012 11:48 AM
8	I have a Lord who loves me, adores me and I am his beloved. I take solace in knowing that if I never find someone that loves me, I will one day be in the arms of Christ, face to face. I can also have strength to withstand wrong destructive relationships and flee temptation. Something that my non Christian friends don't see as damaging to themselves. I have someone to talk to that listens and cares. I have a focus in my life that has purpose and my steps are guided. They live with uncertainty.	Sep 24, 2012 2:44 PM
9	I don't think there is much difference between day to day activities between me and my married friends. I think it is big responsibility to rise children tho and I would not like to bring up children is today life!	Sep 24, 2012 2:41 PM
10	I don't know, I think I feel more secure, that God is in control, even though I sometimes feel like he's leading me blindfolded. There is still someone there.	Sep 24, 2012 1:11 PM
11	I have a peace and joy in my life with an everlasting hope. It seems married christians have a problem with single christians.	Sep 23, 2012 10:50 PM

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12	I know God loves me and cares for me. I know I can have an intimate relationship with him. My church community supports me and loves me in my singleness as much as they are able to. My non-Christian single friends tend to have a larger network of single friends. A lot of Christian's marry earlier, which means at my age, I am in the minority of being single. I often feel it is easier for my non-Christian friends as they don't have the same pressures to marry.	Sep 23, 2012 12:12 PM
13	Well all the things mentioned in a previous question. There are times when I am happy, contented, fulfilled. I enjoy entertaining friends/family, freedom to get up when I like! I enjoy my work and the social contact/fulfilment it brings so it is not all negative despite my answers above	Sep 23, 2012 4:22 AM
14	I am free to live my life without thought of a partner - to go out with many other single friends as friends. But still yearn for that special someone.	Sep 22, 2012 9:14 AM
15	I know that i am not alone as Christ shares my walk with me everyday. I even say out loud sometimes when particularly feeling alone. Jesus hold my hand. My non-christian friend do not have that walk that I have, with my Greatest Friend	Sep 22, 2012 3:26 AM
16	Finally went to uni for the first time in my early-30s and that would have been different if I wasn't single but I don't really know what parts of my life would be different and by how much if I wasn't single.	Sep 21, 2012 2:28 PM
17	God calls - I respond; simple as! The adventures He gets me into and the blessing I get from that are just amazing.	Sep 21, 2012 9:09 AM
18	I do have an intimacy with my Saviour that my non-Christian single friends don't have, which I know is much more important for me anyway.	Sep 20, 2012 3:40 PM
19	I believe that God has a plan for my life so I'm more positive about being single and having a future being single than non-christian friends. I find emotional support through the bible and praying, while single non-christians rely just on talking to friends and family members. Although it would be nice to get married and I'm actively looking through internet dating sites, get married isn't my main goal in life, whereas it is for one of my non-christian friends.	Sep 20, 2012 9:47 AM
20	I am aware that things happen in God's timing and I am not as pressurised to feel like I have a time limit.I know who I am in God and all the time I am single there is an opportunity to learn more, grow and develop myself in God whilst waiting to meet someone. My non-christian single friends don't have God or prayer to exercise their time and are constanly looking for someone to meet their needs. I have God to meet mine and although it can get lonely at times, God takes up most of my time anyway.	Sep 19, 2012 3:35 PM
21	I can pray and read my Bible with friends or alone for as long as I like or as often as I like at present.	Sep 19, 2012 9:04 AM
22	Some of these questions are fucking offensive. Do you people enjoy being cunts or do they train you in the 'church' to think in this myopic fashion?	Sep 18, 2012 8:11 AM
23	Even though I sometimes find it hard to have things in common with married couples at church, I do realise that I am part of a community of believers, wherever I go in the world. I do not have the burden that my identity is dependant on finding a partner - I am a loved child of God.	Sep 17, 2012 2:22 PM

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24	I have God to turn to, His word for guidance each day a belief that my wife and I will be reunited in heaven. Someone in Christ who I know loves and cares about me	Sep 17, 2012 8:40 AM
25	I can decide what I want to do but wold like a local group to meet up with and socialise. I have found some websites but they omit by age or you have to travel long distances for events or they are dating agencies.	Sep 16, 2012 5:04 AM
26	I'm glad that I can be content knowing I have God who will always love me - I don't have to spend evenings going to clubs or pubs trying to catch the eye of some random guy hoping things work out. I need to be happy with me and my relationship with God before I start one with anyone else.	Sep 15, 2012 3:48 PM
27	I love not having to see someone if I want my own space or feel grumpy	Sep 15, 2012 2:45 PM
28	I can see that I have alot more freedom and independence than my couple friends and alot more peace and ability to make my own choices.	Sep 15, 2012 1:34 PM
29	Time alone with God. Less distractions. Independence.	Sep 15, 2012 1:24 PM
30	I can keep healthy life with good christian friends campare to non christian single person.	Sep 15, 2012 5:26 AM
31	i guess i have faith(mostly!!) that God has someone out there for me but this can be hard when it seems an impossible feat! but i guess my christian single friends dont have this even though they have the freedom to go out with the much more larger selection of non christians, which i could if i wanted to but feel i want to go out with someone i can share my faith with.	Sep 15, 2012 4:07 AM
32	I have Christ in my life. He is the hope above all I could hope for. I need his help on a daily basis to get through 'single status' life. He helps me daily. Sometimes I ignore His help and that's when things don't go well!	Sep 15, 2012 12:42 AM
33	I feel that I am very lucky to be so completely free to do whatever God would have me do without reference to anyone else. In comparison to my non-Christian friends, I also feel that having Jesus there gives me a sense of fulfillment and direction that they can lack without a relationship.	Sep 14, 2012 12:24 PM
34	I have no single friends, only 1 attached friend. I have no advantages as a Christian in my day-to-day life.	Sep 13, 2012 7:28 PM
35	they dont acknowledge their sinful lives living together unmarried and the greif and problems it causes without their knowledge	Sep 13, 2012 2:37 PM
36	I have good support and friendship from other members of the church and plenty of activities and functions I can attend without embarrassment.	Sep 13, 2012 12:03 PM
37	As a Christian you have like minded people to turn to and people who might feel more inclined to be empathetic towards you.	Sep 13, 2012 9:19 AM
38	I am never truely alone, as night, I can talk to God, and when lonely can pray about it.... I also pray for my future name, and know God will be here and protecting him..... I have faith, hope, and security of Gods love, and intergenerational family, through the church, to keep me grounded and look after me when times are harder....	Sep 12, 2012 3:30 PM
39	I have got a lot of supportive Christian friends from my church and other	Sep 12, 2012 2:56 PM

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	Christians I have met through life. I have Jesus in my life to talk to and get help from. I have Christian friends who I could ask to help me and they would be very willing to do that both practically and emotionally and spiritually.	
40	I have time to go to Church whenever I want and to get involved in all areas of ministry. If I want to go on retreats or pilgrimages I can do this on my own and enjoy the spiritual peace that comes from this. I can dedicate more time to volunteering and giving back to society.	Sep 12, 2012 2:38 AM
41	The main positive would be that I have a relationship with God who is always with me. I know I am never alone, He is with me everywhere I go and He is my companion. I know that my deepest needs should be met by God so I do not put those expectations on to a future spouse.	Sep 10, 2012 3:49 PM
42	I have the most important relationship ,with Jesus who comes first and im never alone though i have little friends and family ,they have no one to turn to	Sep 10, 2012 6:53 AM
43	Right now the grass feels greener on the otherside, I realise that it is not but that's where I'm at as I complete this survey.	Sep 10, 2012 12:34 AM
44	Positives are that I am free to travel and to see lots of different sites on my days off.	Sep 9, 2012 11:56 AM
45	The quality of people I meet are far greater than my non Christian friends. Day to day I can not think of many	Sep 8, 2012 7:01 PM
46	I don't feel alone because I have God. I don't feel desperate about being single or about the future because I know God has a plan for good for me and I trust Him with my future. I do get lonely, but I have the gift of being able to talk to God about my day and have a close relationship with Him. If I was single and not a Christian I don't know how I would cope. I would be lonely, depressed about life's struggles and afraid of the future. I don't like being single but I'm so glad I have God to walk with me.	Sep 8, 2012 6:42 PM
47	I am able to share my faith in a positive way with my children. I can talk to friends at school about my faith without worrying that it will impact negatively on my husband or his friends.	Sep 8, 2012 1:31 PM
48	As a Christian single, knowing your identity and who you are, then you have to come to your senses and know that your lifestyle is not the same as an outsider, an unbeliever. We have to keep it in our minds that our bodies are not ours, it was brought with a price and it is the temple of the Holy Spirit, God is Holy, so should we keep our bodies holy.	Sep 7, 2012 4:22 PM
49	I think the difference is that when I struggle with life, being a single mum etc that although I have friends and family for support I also have God to turn to and my church family to talk to and be prayed for.	Sep 7, 2012 4:45 AM
50	I can make my own decisions about what to eat and when, who to see, how to spend my time and money. I am available to people.	Sep 5, 2012 10:42 AM
51	I always have God to talk to. I don't worry about being single, even though I positively hate it, because I know if God wants me to have a husband he will provide the right one.	Sep 4, 2012 3:41 PM
52	Having God in my life. Knowing that I'm never alone and He is working	Sep 4, 2012 2:59 PM

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	everything out for my good. Believing (or trying to believe) that He has told me that I will have children. Being able to talk to God, and knowing that He is looking out for me and that He loves me.	
53	I think christians are more likely to be adopted by families as an extra 'aunty' plus church is family.	Sep 4, 2012 2:39 PM
54	I have more prayer in mine. I'm not alone even when I feel it. But we all feel the same about being single - its just that they don't have the God bit, and in their eyes have more flexibility about meeting more people.	Sep 4, 2012 7:14 AM
55	I don't need to be in a relationship to feel loved as I an loved by God!	Sep 3, 2012 11:26 PM
56	As a single Christian person, you can be bold and devoted to your calling. This is a very powerful asset to the church and for God's kindom.	Sep 3, 2012 2:05 PM
57	Have God to talk to	Sep 2, 2012 3:04 PM
58	God is always there for me and I can count on Him. I have the time to devote to prayer, and encourage friends who need it. I have the time to strengthen my walk with God and get involved in christian activities. I am never really alone as God can always comfort me.	Sep 2, 2012 12:10 PM
59	I don't really see anything positive about being single to be quite honest, i'm lonely, i nag and argue with the kids probably because there is no one to argue with. Everything is on my shoulders, sometimes i feel like God has forgotten about me, i have all the 'whys'	Sep 2, 2012 8:15 AM
60	I can have what I like for dinner! And when I like... eg, tonight I had a Chinese, which my boyfriend wouldn't've liked at all; and I can have it later if I want; I can also go down town, shopping etc, and I don't have to rush home, as there'll be no one to say, "Hey where've you been, and where's my tea?!" I suppose there's that...	Sep 1, 2012 3:15 PM
61	I feel that God has a plan for me and my life, and so if I feel lonely or upset about being single, I know that God intended it to be that way and will be with me. Whatever happens in my life, God is in control and He knows the right path for me to take, whether that includes marriage or not. My non-Christian friends might not have this much confidence in their future (although my confidence does wane from time to time!).	Sep 1, 2012 1:06 PM
62	Being a part of a church family, gives opportunity to get to know people, church friend help me out with things (eg DIY)	Sep 1, 2012 7:39 AM
63	Very good friends who understand the decisions to do with singleness at church No pressure to have one night stands Peace and trust in God Christian parents who generally support your decisions A reason to generally not panic and have a God given identity in God as he has a plan for you	Sep 1, 2012 3:38 AM
64	I have a community to which I belong, which has members of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. I have friends and mature Christians who pray for me and look out for me as I do them.	Sep 1, 2012 3:35 AM
65	I've got God! As a non Christian prior my life was meaningless and I hated being alone. Now I embrace it. In fact I fear sharing it!!	Aug 30, 2012 2:21 PM
66	I have God who assures me He is my provider. I have a hope of things being	Aug 30, 2012 12:08 PM

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	better eternally. I have the reassurance that things on earth are temporary and so although money helps to live and pay bills etc, i know I will have greater eternally. Faith and belief in God brings you through the feelings of loneliness and also I have my church community around me.	
67	I can choose things for myself and don't have to share or compromise however I wouldn't choose this.	Aug 29, 2012 12:14 PM
68	I can change my plans according to how I feel. If something does not appeal to me, such as an event , I can easily opt out , such as not going to church if I do not like the speaker!. I can listen to the type of music I like, which is classical and a bit high brow and not listen to Christian music which I do not like. I can go to bed when I am tired and get up when rested. I can spend extra time praying if I need to and even fast or do mini fasts quite easily. I can be entirely too self-centred which is entirely not what God wants of me. If I think of someone to call up or an action to take, I can do it right away, as the spirit moves me, so to speak.	Aug 29, 2012 12:11 PM
69	When I compare my life to my non-christian friends,I see that I am more laid back about finding a husband. I have friends who have slept around,got pregnant and as a result have difficult complicated relationships.I feel there is more to life than waiting for Mr Right. As a single christian my life has purpose and meaning and Hope, whether I marry or not. I feel my life can be focused on the most important relationship, my relationship with God.	Aug 29, 2012 8:51 AM
70	Being single gives me time to focus on God and what He has for me. Without Him i could not be celebrate. He keeps me by His grace. I am more free to love Him as il have the time. However, you miss deeply not having an intimate deep relationship with a human being BUT God compensates. A christian has more pressure to act in a holy way a non christain can do what they like.	Aug 29, 2012 8:50 AM
71	I can chose my own quiet times and have space to pray and/or read my bible and pray out loud when I need to. I can also have people round for meals or allow people to drop in whenever they need a listening ear as my friends have freedom to do that while I am single. This helps me too as it is a positive way of helping others and spending time with people which gives me fulfilment. Non Christian single friends can feel lonely, whereas church means I have so many friends, from all life circumstances. I also know I can rely on Jesus to work in and through my circumstances which my Christian friends do not.	Aug 29, 2012 7:41 AM
72	there are few	Aug 29, 2012 7:30 AM
73	I can meet up with friends whenever I like without having to give prior notice or worthy reasons as to why I need to go. I don't need to worry about making someone feel left out whenever I want to go on holiday or visit family for the weekend.	Aug 29, 2012 2:20 AM
74	Not really sure as I don't have many non-Christian friends but I have an amazing church and amazing friends through the church but I can imagine that having God there is an amazing positive. I reckon I'm a much more relaxed person being Christian and that if I were non-Christian I would be a lot more unhappy about being single because I would love to be married with children one day and even now sometimes wonder if that will ever happen but actually I know that God's got plans for me and if, or when, that includes a husband and children then it will be the right time for me so I have that	Aug 28, 2012 4:52 PM

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	reassurance that when the time is right, opportunities will then present themselves.	
75	Well, whatever I do I know the Lord is with me, so I don't feel alone or lonely. I also feel that I know why I'm here and what life is for because of Jesus, so there isn't that sense of drifting and needing direction or a plan. If I go out it is with friends or family, so I don't really notice I'm single. All my friends know my situation, and I've never mixed in 'posh dinner party' circles where it may be obvious you came alone. But it never bothered me when I was YOUNG and single, so it doesn't bother me now.	Aug 28, 2012 10:08 AM
76	Knowing that God is with me and I can cry out to him in times of loneliness and he brings to my recall his promises Knowing that I can rely on His principles to stir me in everyday course of life.	Aug 28, 2012 10:06 AM
77	Maybe my life has another dimension	Aug 27, 2012 1:42 PM
78	Don't have any. But it must be better having the companionship of Jesus!	Aug 27, 2012 11:03 AM
79	I know that I am not entirely alone and that my God is with me always.	Aug 26, 2012 6:14 PM
80	I don't think I can comment as you only 'know what you know' about other people's lives. I have had the opportunity to get involved in overseas mission, which I may not have been able to do if I were part of a couple.	Aug 26, 2012 11:38 AM
81	I find it is harder because I do not feel able to date anyone and do the things they would do in dating (ie. sex before marriage). Feel there's a limited choice of guys because want a Christian whereas other girls aren't limited by this	Aug 26, 2012 3:37 AM
82	I know God has a plan for me and my life, and he will not leave me in my time of need	Aug 25, 2012 9:36 AM
83	If i was a single non christian my self esteem would be even worse. As I know that my heavenly father loves me so much and deems me worth it to send his only son to die for me. I know that being with someone is not the be all and end all as society tries to tell us. I know that whatever I am never on my own and that this life is only temporary.	Aug 25, 2012 2:35 AM
84	I feel freer to make the choices I want to because I know I have not met the right person yet so I am spending my time learning from God. I also know that I needed to spend a lot of time getting healed of past brokenness and getting ready to start again. I love entertaining my friends, not feeling obliged by family, I love to be able to babysit for my married friends, or cook for them and bless them with a night off. I love the freedom to adventure and learn from God about just me	Aug 24, 2012 5:09 PM
85	Apart from being able to do what you want (which to some extent I can't as I have the kids) I really can't see anything positive about being single! Being with a soul mate is awesome and is a much better way of life (in my opinion!)	Aug 24, 2012 8:26 AM
86	Knowing that I am not 'doing life' alone. Having the support and love of Christian family.	Aug 24, 2012 3:50 AM
87	I haven't compromised my sexual life and don't have all the heartbreak and self-esteem issues that come from that. I think this makes me feel and come off as much younger and carefree than non-Christians around me. I am more	Aug 23, 2012 10:01 PM

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	<p>open about my desire to have a traditional married life one day, and non-Christians are accepting of that as it comes with the rest of my religious baggage. I feel pretty disconnected from non-Christian life around me because there are never any romantic opportunities for me in the course of everyday life. As queried above, I feel this more and more as I get older. Part of the reason I don't have TV is that its romantic view of things seems less and less relevant to me. I think people think of me as an asexual person with possible lesbian tendencies. Oddly, as a result I think I can get on really well with gay people around me because we have something in common! I think I can relate to non-Christian single men in a much more open, giving way than non-Christian women because I have no aspirations towards dating them. I am very glad that I only consider Christian men as possibilities because it is more likely to ensure that as such times as I do ever date that's right, I'm 35 and have never dated), I will have much more in common with him.</p>	
88	<p>Freedom to choose how to spend my time As much time alone as I need (introvert) Spending time with close female friends Concentrating on work in busy periods, only eating into my own time Choosing how to spend my own money</p>	Aug 23, 2012 4:04 PM
89	<p>I don't think I have any more positives as a Christian single person over someone who is a non-Christian single person</p>	Aug 23, 2012 2:22 PM
90	<p>I have trust that God has his plans for my life and if that includes marriage then great I know I'll meet the right person at some point, till then I have to be patient and trust in God.</p>	Aug 23, 2012 8:31 AM
91	<p>I do not feel that my life lacks purpose or direction i find such great comfort in knowing Christ's love and compassion for me and has experienced that life. I feel that there is so much of my life I can poor into the service of others and that this brings joy to the heart of God.</p>	Aug 22, 2012 3:43 PM
92	<p>I have more time to devote to activities as I don't have a husband, children or grandchildren to care for. I don't have to consult anyone about whether it's alright to go out to a meeting. I don't have to consult anyone about the amount of money I give to the church and charity. I didn't have to ask anyone's permission when I wanted to spend time studying to be a lay reader.</p>	Aug 22, 2012 3:17 PM
93	<p>Most people my age in my area that are non Christians spend most weekends in the pub drinking or taking drugs. I am happy that I am not pulled to this. It's a very messy lifestyle and they are wasting their time and money</p>	Aug 21, 2012 11:54 PM
94	<p>I know Gods love, and I know it is greater than me so I don't go searching for it in other partners through inappropriate relationships.</p>	Aug 21, 2012 9:55 AM
95	<p>I can choose whether to spend time with others or alone. I do value the space that living alone provides sometimes, but at other times I just wish I had someone to share my life with.</p>	Aug 21, 2012 9:26 AM
96	<p>I think before I do anything</p>	Aug 21, 2012 5:56 AM
97	<p>If it wasnt through the fear of GOD i would more than liklely have ended my own life</p>	Aug 21, 2012 5:19 AM

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98	As a Christian I know that marriage is not what will fulfill me, although I would like to be married it is not the sole thing I am aiming for. I also have friends who have families and so can be involved with family life and understand the complexities if children and marriage more I think as I have had more exposure to it and people have been more honest with me about what it's like.	Aug 20, 2012 11:35 AM
99	None of my non-Christian friends are single!	Aug 19, 2012 1:24 PM
100	I live in hope and have faith that God will provide and reveal my husband to me	Aug 18, 2012 1:14 PM
101	God doesn't see me for my relationship status- to him it doesn't matter if I'm single or not. Not about what others think.	Aug 17, 2012 5:42 PM
102	Everything I love life and all its aspects	Aug 17, 2012 5:29 AM
103	Freedom to do what I want, eat what I want, bed when i want to go, clean up when I want to, be myself , be flexible , be available for others, give my money and support where I want to.	Aug 17, 2012 12:51 AM
104	Not being tied to any daily routine based around someone else.	Aug 16, 2012 2:01 AM
105	I know that God has plans for me. He is my hope and my rock and I know he will get me through everything that life throws at me!	Aug 15, 2012 7:03 AM
106	i have the church familey and home groap to lean on in difecalt times	Aug 14, 2012 8:20 AM
107	Even when I feel the most lonely, I know that I am not completely alone. I know that God is always with me and the Angels are always watching over me and my son. I get great comfort from that and non-Christian single friends do not have that comfort.	Aug 13, 2012 6:59 PM
108	I know that I am waiting for someone special to share my life with and not throwing it about with one night stands.	Aug 13, 2012 12:09 PM
109	feel the LORD is with me can spend time in prayer etc	Aug 13, 2012 10:16 AM
110	I have Jesus which means I have purpose and calling.	Aug 12, 2012 1:42 PM
111	My non-Christian single friends do not have a relationship with and to God, and so don't know the central importance of repentance and forgiveness for our welfare, for healing for example. They also don't know the importance of Christian sexual morality for creating clear boundaries with other people. They don't have a spiritual community that they can plug into anywhere new they go. I have all of these things, and they are things that money cannot buy.	Aug 12, 2012 10:39 AM
112	I have God to turn to for any problems in my life.	Aug 11, 2012 11:43 PM
113	Can't think of any	Aug 10, 2012 2:18 PM
114	i do have jesus and that really helps. i dont have to focus on the negatives but it is a choice and can be hard. my non christian single mates can just go and pull if they "need" to feel intimate... and to be honest i do really feel the pull especially for cuddles and snogs but i can as a christian distract myself and concentrate on God and His word.	Aug 9, 2012 7:00 PM

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115	My faith and my prayer life are such a help	Aug 9, 2012 3:51 PM
116	I don't drink or smoke so I save money. When I have problems I can tell it to my father	Aug 8, 2012 4:57 PM
117	as a christian i know i am never really alone and i feel i have a closer walk with God as i rely on Him so much. He knows the future for me and i have to wait for his timing and His will if He has another life partner for me.	Aug 8, 2012 12:34 PM
118	Not many I really do not do well as a single and feel God wants us to be in relationships	Aug 8, 2012 11:07 AM
119	I was brought up with a faith. Through discussion with friends who do not have any Christian or other faith I feel that are not so content with life as I am . However, I am never in conflict with them, they accept me and my faith for what I am.	Aug 8, 2012 9:56 AM
120	as a christian i don't go out drinking or clubbing as it is not an environment i enjoy. going out equates to getting drunk for the single girls at work and i don't want to get involved. also they are all a great deal younger.	Aug 7, 2012 8:42 PM
121	Freedom to plan my day and consider who I can meet up with. I have a lot of close male friends that I hang out with one to one. I can choose to devote a whole day or a whole week to a friend if I wanted to. This is not to say I always think about my wants and needs and no-one else's because I absolutely do!	Aug 7, 2012 5:39 PM
122	I can spend my money on myself, I can have the luxury of paying for my holiday, my flat, car, iPad, perfume...etc I don't have to rush home after work in order to look after a child. I can have my clothes clean and smelling nice without children's dribble on it. I don't have to put up with someone's short falls everyday till I die.	Aug 7, 2012 3:05 PM
123	i have hope in christ he has never let me down,the church is family to me,i dont say i get on with evryone there but mostly i do. friends outside of church pursue worldly things, which at end of day do not fulfil	Aug 7, 2012 9:10 AM
124	sometimes more able to cope with adverstity than them in comparible situations	Aug 7, 2012 1:56 AM
125	I have utter faith that God has a plan for me and it is good whether that involves being in a relationship or not. My present and future are not dependent on meeting someone. I don't dwell in it. I always have the companionship of Jesus so I'm never lonely even if alone.	Aug 6, 2012 10:29 AM
126	I'm not obliged to anyone Time to spend with God Having a focus in my life and strength through God Hope	Aug 6, 2012 2:06 AM
127	Most of my friends who are non-christians don't respect my faith. They think I don't have a life because I'm single. They say I should get out there and find myself a man but I don't want just anyone because I would prefer to be with someone who shares my faith. I tend to stay away as much as I can from non christian friends because they want to go out and get drunk, some smoke drugs and I see they're arguments and I find it difficult to be around these people	Aug 6, 2012 1:24 AM
128	Knowing people through my current and former churches (i.e. in places I	Aug 5, 2012 3:04 PM

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	used to live) is very helpful. I'm not especially close to anyone at church, but it means I do have a lot more social contact than I would otherwise.	
129	I can please myself, but most of the time I'd rather be with someone else. now my friends are married, they don't want to know.	Aug 5, 2012 1:11 PM
130	Have Jesus to support me, to share stuff with, to give me strength. Christian community gives so much support in all aspects of my life and development.	Aug 5, 2012 12:31 PM
131	I have no fear about facing the future as a single person because God has promised he will always be there for me, and since my husband died I have learnt so much from God about myself and how to rely on him and claim his promises for my life. This does not mean I do not find some things difficult.	Aug 5, 2012 3:24 AM
132	Can spend lots of time with the Lord and do not have to worry about someone else wondering where I am and what I am doing. I can make independent decisions (although I always check things through with the Lord first, so I am not truly independent - I try to relate to Jesus as I did to my husband and refer to him on all important decisions for His input). I have my own home, can decorate it the way I want to and can watch or not watch programmes on TV as I like. I do not have to endure hours of football any more! I like having my own space most of the time.	Aug 4, 2012 3:21 PM
133	I guess because I'm young, there is not that much pressure on me, being single. But with friends getting married nearby, I personally do get a little worried about the future but deep down I'm not too worried because I know God has laid out all plans and really I'm just waiting for his time. Inwardly I know and believe this but outwardly I may express any doubts I have but yeah.	Aug 4, 2012 3:01 PM
134	Being able to make decisions about the how to spend free time outside of work i.e. not having someone at home expecting you back by a certain time.	Aug 4, 2012 12:23 PM
135	When feeling lonely, I know I can always talk to God and I can share any worries or fears I have with Him. I know that I also have my church family to support me as well as my family.	Aug 4, 2012 12:07 PM
136	at least I have a faith and trust that God is in control	Aug 4, 2012 11:56 AM
137	dedicated my time to family life and divine fellowship with our Lord.	Aug 3, 2012 4:24 PM
138	I love God and my job has a nursing assistant is where i know God uses my gifts he gave me, love compassion, empathy, i treat people like i would like to be treat	Aug 3, 2012 2:37 PM
139	I find that I can focus on Jesus and my relationship with Him without being distracted by worrying about someone else. I am positive about my future as I know God has awesome plans in store for me. I always expect good outcomes whereas I find that some of my friends always expect the worse.	Aug 3, 2012 12:54 PM
140	Having no one to consider before doing anything really. Don't see that being Christian or non Christian should make a difference in day to day life as single	Aug 2, 2012 11:44 PM
141	No one to distract you	Aug 2, 2012 10:57 AM
142	more time for friendships - I have some amazing friends and we all	Aug 1, 2012 4:11 PM

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	encourage each other. I feel that I rely on God more than when I was in a relationship as I have to make more decisions on my own I have more time to get involved in specific ministry - although I am very conscious of not having someone to share this with which is painful	
143	I get give my entire self to serving the God of the universe. I have constant encouragement from looking at the promises of God I get to have intimacy with God, the best of its kind	Aug 1, 2012 1:23 PM
144	freedom do things that I want to do	Aug 1, 2012 1:15 PM
145	I have faith that in Gods time I will meet the man he has for me in my life and the blessing will follow. I guess non christians dont have that hope of anything real to believe in, so the unknown future for them is a scary place.	Jul 31, 2012 3:06 PM
146	You are a free spirit,	Jul 31, 2012 10:01 AM
147	Always trying to think of others so not introspective	Jul 31, 2012 4:22 AM
148	I have a believe that is fairly strong and see me through my days just known that is sometimes enough	Jul 30, 2012 4:38 PM
149	doing as i please exactly when i want	Jul 30, 2012 3:51 PM
150	i know i can pray to god with a hope he will give me what i want.	Jul 30, 2012 2:05 PM
151	I have my children and therefore I do not feel alone at all we do everything together for the most part.	Jul 30, 2012 1:02 PM
152	I can spend more time with God and have more time for my own things in life including being able to regularly attend church events.	Jul 30, 2012 10:39 AM
153	It is one less accountability, less complication. I can make choices with fewer instances of having to consider others. I know that it's difficult for me to communicate feelings. I can work with my own feelings but might find it so much harder if I had to explain and communicate that to someone else, however close they are. In a way, I have infinite hope of things working out, one day, even if time is running out. Perhaps [not sure] if in a relationship I might find my options in life and future a bit more constrained.	Jul 30, 2012 6:45 AM
154	I have a greater sense of peace than my non Christian friends have, whether married or not.	Jul 30, 2012 3:43 AM
155	Most of my single non Christian friends are anxious and worried about their future while I am confident that my future is secure in Jesus. My single non Christian friends seems needy, unhappy and unfilled because they do not have a partner. While I am happy with and enjoying and embracing my singleness	Jul 29, 2012 2:12 PM
156	Don't have to cook every day.	Jul 29, 2012 2:03 PM
157	I have more family and support behind me from church etc and time to takemy mind off it where as others dont	Jul 29, 2012 1:24 PM
158	I feel i have more direction, purpose. I cant judge this, how do know	Jul 29, 2012 1:02 PM
159	My own free time, not having to answer to anyone and having money for just	Jul 29, 2012 12:03 PM

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	me. Free to talk to other guys without feeling guilty	
160	I have Christ and he comforts me when i'm feeling down, i know to run to my word if i feel too alone and lonley. I also know it is wrong to have sex outside marrige which my unbelieving friends do not share. It sometimes feel that they are more free than me a christian, because they can live with their partners if things go wrong well its over not as long and drawn out as if they were married.	Jul 29, 2012 9:59 AM
161	Same - we enjoy each others company and support	Jul 29, 2012 9:17 AM
162	Could not have cared for others (especially my elderly parents) or worked in full time community and church work if I had been married with a husband/children to care for also	Jul 29, 2012 2:23 AM
163	I know that whatever happens, God is always there and wants only what is best for me. I know also that He is in control, and that whatever we ask for God is able to provide for me - I can be sure that single or married, God will bless me and my loved ones. I have nothing to fear. Non Christian single women often marry for security out of fear for their futures - and may end up in just as difficult a relationship as before.	Jul 28, 2012 4:46 PM
164	Busy at work, don't do much different to them in everyday life.	Jul 28, 2012 11:17 AM
165	I like having my boundaries as a Christian, I like the fact that I'm still a virgin and I don't feel the pressure to have sex - I'm really proud of the christian values I'm been brought up with. The good thing about being a single christian is that you have the assurance that God will always take care of you...plus you know that life on earth is only temporary so you don't feel so empty without a life partner. And again you know that there's more to life on earth, in fact there's something better installed for us as children of God so being single is not the end of the world. Perhaps if I'm not a christian I wouldn't be single as there are more choices, but then again, I know that I'm still happier and better a single christian than a married non-Christian.	Jul 27, 2012 12:57 PM
166	Prayer is something that we have that others may not have, but this is not exclusive to singles.	Jul 27, 2012 6:29 AM
167	I think it is easier for non christians as they have no guilt if they have an intimate relationship.	Jul 26, 2012 1:48 PM
168	When the church needs an extra hand, I can drop everything and muck in without reference to anyone else's convenience.	Jul 26, 2012 2:14 AM
169	I actually can't give any positives because although I run my own business and I am very independent, I function far better in a relationship... I just need to find someone who is an equal.	Jul 26, 2012 1:23 AM
170	I enjoy being free to decide what to do and where to go. I do not have the responsiility of looking after some one else but I would enjoy to do this in the future.	Jul 24, 2012 1:21 PM
171	I don't know that my day-to-day life as a Christian single person is different from that of my non-Christian single friends, except for the relationship that I have and am trying to deepen with God. I'm probably not a typical single woman looking for love, so I don't have the same longings that other singles have for a mate. I think this is very individual, rather than generalised. I go	Jul 24, 2012 5:06 AM

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	out to social events and am involved in my church and meet up with non-Christian friends as well as my Christian friends. My social life is strong at the moment and I am working on developing my relationships with men in general (although I could try harder). So, probably my non-Christian single friends would have more male friends than myself - but then so would my Christian single friends.	
172	I can spend time knowing that there is a greater other than being single - in fact, that there is something far greater than life itself!	Jul 24, 2012 3:50 AM
173	I can spend most of my morning when I get up in worship, prayer and reading my bible where as my married friends need to change nappies on their children and spend time with their wives.	Jul 24, 2012 1:49 AM
174	I have a relationship with the living God, am in good health, a good job, top class friends and a loving family. I am very blessed	Jul 23, 2012 6:47 AM
175	I suppose, you cope with being single and actually not having one person to be accountable to comes with its perks, but I would much rather be in a committed relationship. My non-christian friends seem to flit from one person to another but as a christian we learn to become ever more reliant on God. Sometimes I slip and fail, but I have the blessed assurance that Jesus is mine and that He loves me and forgives me when I humble myself and turn to him in prayer. My non-christian friends often come away with regrets, feeling empty and not being able to turn to the Saviour for forgiveness.	Jul 22, 2012 2:35 AM
176	Being single as a Christian means you can have God walk with you through everything. So this includes all your decisions, your crisis, your good days. I LOVE see him answer prayers. I am sure I pray more now as a single person - I rely on God MUCH more than I used to.	Jul 21, 2012 2:21 PM
177	When I wake up each day I find it positive to talk to God about the new day ahead,, about my friend and family and my thoughts and feelings which i feel i wouldn't be able to do if i was in a non christian relationship. I want God to be a central part of my life.	Jul 21, 2012 4:51 AM
178	I know I have God no matter what, but I also have non Christian friends who behave better than some Christian ones.	Jul 21, 2012 4:24 AM
179	its the isolation in the tough times thats the killer and not being able to share happy moments with someone. It doesn't define who I am or what I do though. that would be a waste of a life	Jul 21, 2012 4:24 AM
180	Although I sometimes feel lonely and miss physical intimacy, I never feel alone. There is a big difference. I know I can trust God and turn to him, where as before I became a Christian I was always searching for something to fill the hole in my heart where God needed to be. I don't feel like that anymore.	Jul 20, 2012 3:50 PM
181	I know I always have God to talk to, though I don't as often as I should. The knowledge that the Creator of the Universe values me is mind blowing and helping me overcome feelings of low self esteem etc. I Know that God will never let me down and that I really have nothing to fear (again don't always practice what I preach!) I do have an underlying peace and joy and know that my worth is not measured by worldly standards of beauty,status, relationships etc. I also have a network of REAL friends I can rely on in an emergency. I know that every Saturday I will meet my spiritual family and be	Jul 20, 2012 3:32 PM

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	surrounded by love. On Tuesdays I can go to a midweek meeting, on Weds I can go to Bible study. I have a framework for my life built on and through my faith. If God does have something exciting in mind for me I can go and do it without any ties.	
182	I've never really thought about it. There are many things I do now that I probably wouldn't have time to do if I were not single, but I doubt that I would miss many of them, so it is not a problem. The best relationships I see have a certain amount of give-and-take in that each partner continues to have a certain level of autonomy, but both do a lot of things together/as a family.	Jul 20, 2012 2:06 PM
183	Less stress No worries about unwanted pregnancies or STDs. No stress about having sex with someone and then splitting up. God's in control so more peace. Not having to sleep and live with someone while they try you out.	Jul 20, 2012 8:01 AM
184	I can choose how to spend my time, where I live, and how to spend my money etc without having to consult somebody else.	Jul 20, 2012 4:12 AM
185	I can please myself and eat when I want and do what I want when. I have been single now for so long I would find it very difficult to accommodate someone else now.	Jul 20, 2012 3:42 AM
186	I only attend Christian Singles holidays and avoid family holidays altogether	Jul 19, 2012 1:34 PM
187	i HAVE THE LORD WITH ME, @PLEASE JESUS SHINE ON ME, POWER OF PRAYERS MIRACLES DO HAPEN, OUR GOD, CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS? YOU BECOME MORE POSITIVE @ CONTENT WITH YOUR LIFE.	Jul 19, 2012 10:53 AM
188	My faith gives me hope and security for the future whatever happens.	Jul 19, 2012 10:51 AM
189	I havn't got any nonchristian single friends. There is no comparison between my life and the nonchristian life- if they feel like having sex they go for it.	Jul 19, 2012 5:54 AM
190	Just being able to make personal choices feeling valued and respected and supported by friends and church I value having a prayer partner to discuss things with and to pray	Jul 18, 2012 2:13 PM
191	You can choose what you want to do, you don't have to compromise	Jul 18, 2012 11:46 AM
192	This question doesn't make sense, as it seems to be asking me to evaluate the positives in another person's life. There is no way I can evaluate another person's life, as I am not them. In any event, most of my friends are married, and are not single.	Jul 18, 2012 9:54 AM
193	More time free and are more mobile.	Jul 17, 2012 3:56 PM
194	The fact that i know i am not alone gives me comfort because i know God is on my side and i believe one day i will experience what he has planned for me and it will be good, the waiting may be difficult but i pray that the patience will pay and i will end up in a very happy marriage and live life the christian way with my other half	Jul 17, 2012 3:26 PM
195	Very few if any of my non Christian friends are single its all the Christian ones! I suppose I have a church family, my relationship with God and through my faith many other things that I'm involved in.	Jul 17, 2012 1:57 PM

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196	I have a support network alongside that of my family which is invaluable. I also have my faith which underpins my life.	Jul 17, 2012 12:56 PM
197	Mainly about spending more time in meditation and devotion. More dependency on a faith and building a god centered relationship.	Jul 17, 2012 10:14 AM
198	get along with athiests and christians be bold in your love of jesus but except others have no relationship with jesus write in newspapers with profound love of the father the son and the holy spirit glorify his name!	Jul 17, 2012 5:50 AM
199	I know Jesus as my Saviour and He has my life in His hands	Jul 17, 2012 5:18 AM
200	more happy more strength you have a possitive thought because ww know God alays with us	Jul 16, 2012 11:09 PM
201	I have a very close and intimate relationship with God. I am totally blessed by this - His holy love for me and help and support care for my life. Even though I miss physical and emotional and spiritual intimacy with a companion of the other sex, I am free from the pressures to have sexual relationships outside of marriage and to live an unGodly lifestyle. I also have good Christian male friends with whom I have a strong brotherly and mutually supportive caring friendships with. Prayer, worship, studying my faith and having a God given purpose (or mission) and identity as a Son of God (Romans 8:15) are great encouragements to me.	Jul 16, 2012 5:07 PM
202	I can be independent and spontaneous, I can change plans at the last minute and don't have to tell anyone if I'm going to be late home. Having said that as a positive - sometimes I'm not sure if anyone would notice if I didn't come home at all.	Jul 16, 2012 4:28 PM
203	I dont worry about relationships I'm trying to focus on my relationship with God rather than a man	Jul 16, 2012 2:28 PM
204	I know that I am never alone, I can always turn to the Lord in prayer, persons who do not have a faith must feel very alone and lost.	Jul 16, 2012 2:12 PM
205	They seem more positive than me.	Jul 16, 2012 12:43 PM
206	Making choices based on Christian principles and practises	Jul 16, 2012 12:36 PM
207	although i often find it hard with my children and i get lonely sometimes my freinds who are not christians get much more distressed, depressed ect. i have god to lean on. i have faith and trust god has it all in hand, i have people to pray and can pray myself when times are tough. i honestly dont know how others cope.	Jul 16, 2012 11:12 AM
208	Crying out to Jesus through problems brings peace and having the Holy spirit within for guidance. Non christian singles I know seem to be more bitter over things and unable to forgive	Jul 16, 2012 10:20 AM
209	I have God	Jul 16, 2012 8:54 AM
210	I like the fact that I can go wherever God calls me whenever he calls me - I don't have to meet anyone at a certain time, and if I have to cancel then its no big deal.	Jul 16, 2012 7:05 AM
211	I have God when things are difficult. I imagine life without God must be	Jul 16, 2012 1:17 AM

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	difficult for singles and married people...I really do not know however. Some people seem to cope very well without God. It'd hard to see fully inside to mind of someone else	
212	Knowing that being single isn't the end of the world that there is more to life and knowing that God does have a plan for my life	Jul 15, 2012 2:47 PM
213	I feel part of a community, accepted for me - as is my son. I can attend social events with no worries	Jul 14, 2012 3:08 PM
214	Knowing that God is with me every step of every day. When a problem arises I can pray to him to help me.	Jul 14, 2012 1:47 PM
215	I have Jesus walking beside me and am trusting God for my future as I know He has a plan for me. My non-Christian friends have a hope that is empty.	Jul 14, 2012 1:46 PM
216	The positives is that I am not sleeping around but that would not be the case for all single Christians. I have been able to go on mission trips and help people.	Jul 14, 2012 12:30 PM
217	- I depend on God as the source of my provision, even if I had a partner who could provide for me, I could only consider him as a channel chosen by God to provide for me- so I don't fuss too much about provision, - I don't worry about safety either because God protects me.	Jul 14, 2012 8:57 AM
218	The knowledge that God loves me, come what may.	Jul 14, 2012 8:05 AM
219	NO COMMENTS	Jul 14, 2012 4:00 AM
220	I dont think it makes any difference	Jul 13, 2012 2:45 PM
221	None of my non-Christian friends are single any more. Most of my Christian friends are single. This is despite all of us being roughly the same age.	Jul 13, 2012 1:30 PM
222	My kids	Jul 13, 2012 12:24 PM
223	I can choose to be quiet before the Lord at any given time and my time alone with Him is precious. It doesn't have to be slotted in with anyone else.	Jul 13, 2012 6:13 AM
224	Can't think of many right now, if any? I'm sure there are but just not springing immediately to mind	Jul 13, 2012 12:31 AM
225	freedom independence as above really	Jul 12, 2012 1:49 PM
226	No positives though I am not trying to gain self pity by saying this	Jul 12, 2012 1:34 PM
227	God is at the centre and His way of conducting ourselves as singles is better way as opposed to the faithless way of jumping in and out of relationships	Jul 12, 2012 9:05 AM
228	i've got more time to look after myself and not bothered about having an extra lying-in on my day off. sometimes it makes me think how difficult it could be that after a heavy workload u still have to fend ur family- wash clothes/ironing/cleaning etc which i never experienced as a single person	Jul 12, 2012 3:53 AM
229	I can do what I want when I want and I don't have to consider anyone else's feelings. I have the opportunity to be spontaneous because I won't be upsetting my spouse. I don't have to clear up after someone or do their	Jul 12, 2012 2:31 AM

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	washing or ironing. I can eat what I want when I want. I don't have to watch sport on TV all the time!	
230	I have a living relationship with God and am satisfied whereas in te workd there's always something missing,	Jul 11, 2012 3:19 PM
231	Able to pray to my Heavenly Father about all my problens, seek His help in every situation. Also able to thank Him for help and support, that He has provided. I also realise God has put me in the situation I now find myself, even though I don't like it, and He is able to change my life, and give me grace to live life as a widow, if that is His will for me.	Jul 11, 2012 2:46 PM
232	I have hope and someone to turn to at all timrs	Jul 11, 2012 2:09 PM
233	hope taht God will provide the right person. community	Jul 11, 2012 11:20 AM
234	The depth of intimacy which has grown in my own devotional life and relationship with Jesus. This is priceless	Jul 11, 2012 11:17 AM
235	yes	Jul 11, 2012 7:04 AM
236	Have freedom to work when I need to	Jul 10, 2012 8:31 PM
237	The Lord has my day I trust in Him always and give everything to Him in prayer. If He was not in my life I would be lost	Jul 10, 2012 6:09 PM
238	The advantage for me as a Single christian is I have more time to spend in prayer and it enables me to strenghten my relationship with God.	Jul 10, 2012 1:57 PM
239	Having God in my life everyday means that I know that He is in everything. That doesnt have anything to do with me being single. I am not sure that the question really has a specific answer. Knowing Jesus compared to not knowing Him is the thing that matters whither you are single or not.	Jul 10, 2012 1:30 PM
240	you can do as you please...but sometimes it would be nice to come home to someone with a cuppa ready and tea on the table instead of having to do it all alone	Jul 10, 2012 11:38 AM
241	I am struggling with my faith at the moment, especially since my mother died, so find this difficult to answer. However, when my faith was strong, I felt that to know Jesus was the best thing in my life - in anybody's life; so therefore I had something more wonderful than any non-Christian could imagine. I had meaning in my life, and purpose.	Jul 10, 2012 9:35 AM
242	the joy of the lord is my strength,i know where to take my needs by faith.christianity in my life in serving my maker	Jul 10, 2012 9:29 AM
243	ONLY TWO WORD'S I CAN THINK OF 'PEACE' AND 'CONTENTMENT'.	Jul 10, 2012 8:54 AM
244	I often have more in my life than they do	Jul 10, 2012 4:42 AM
245	I'm not sure that being a single and a Christian is more positive than being single and not a Christian. The distinction should be between single and non-single, not Christian and non-Christian.	Jul 10, 2012 4:01 AM
246	i have a good social net work at church, and go on lots of social events	Jul 10, 2012 1:36 AM

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247	knowing that I'm not on my own	Jul 9, 2012 2:45 PM
248	Christianity gives me spiritual companionship (the Lord and my Christian 'family'). Being Christian I can cope with the absence of physical intimacy and the purity brings peace. In a more neutral sense, Christianity tends to bring a lot of activity and responsibility which at least adds purpose though runs the danger of bringing burden and burn-out. Churches use singles to do a lot of the work that marrieds don't have time or willingness for.	Jul 9, 2012 2:33 PM
249	Having values - and being part of a community which has values - which make make life more meaningful and fulfilling.	Jul 9, 2012 10:48 AM
250	Security in knowing that I'm loved by God & whatever happens my future is secure	Jul 9, 2012 8:33 AM
251	have a relationship with the Lord Jesus christ	Jul 9, 2012 6:56 AM
252	I have a hope placed in me which lights my path. It provides me with a steadfast wisdom which my non Christian friends can't begin to comprehend e.g. a peace about my ultimate future in the God who is the definition of Truth. I believe that because I believe an absolute God of truth who is unshakeable and not relative, it provides me with a core of confidence which means i don't need to seek solace in material wealth, past events, or trial customs.	Jul 9, 2012 3:43 AM
253	I belong to several secular social groups, involving single (non-married) people. Virtually everyone in those groups is involved exclusively in the one group - their whole life tends to revolve around it. In one of the groups, about half are 'coupled', in sexual but non-committed relationships. This indicates to me that most secular singles are anxious to be in a relationship. I see the advantages for me are the personal faith I have, which adds a quality to my life that they don't have, plus the ability to do a variety of things with different people, without feeling 'threatened'. Plus I don't have that desperate need to be 'coupled', due to the danger of getting mixed up with the wrong person.	Jul 9, 2012 3:41 AM
254	I can attend church functions for preay up liftment fellowship when they are going on two or three evining per week and in the day time too. My none christian singal friends dont have many places to go if they are on there own that would be uplifting or benifit for them.in anyway. Also there are house groups that are fun to be part of it's beloning that makes the difference.in a christians life.to somthing thats worth wile.	Jul 8, 2012 4:02 PM
255	I am not sure if there are any major differences. I thin the main one that stands out to me is that it is important to me that I marry someone who shares my faith. To put it bluntly it's one extra box to tick when meeting people	Jul 8, 2012 12:47 PM
256	Jesus is always with me. He is my help and my strength. He is the one who gives me peace and contentment. He is my joy giver even through the deep valleys of darkness when I feel no joy, he is still there, my constant friend and companion. I can talk to him about anything. He always listens. He knows what's best for me and he leads me in the best plan for my life. I can trust him completely even when things are bad and sometimes they seem very bad. My life is in his hands, I am completely safe in him.	Jul 8, 2012 9:47 AM
257	My non-christian single friends are younger than myself. Some want to settle down and have children which I can see is hard for them. I did not	Jul 8, 2012 4:15 AM

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	<p>have children & have never had any strong feelings to be a mum. I now have 2 nephews & 2 nieces so I am happy to be an Auntie. I think an underlying fact is that through experiencing the pain of divorce and loneliness, I have learnt that my future is in God's hands and that He still has good things in store for me whether that is single or married. In the meantime, I will continue to be involved at my church and do as we are all called to do which is to encourage others. Having good christian family & friends around you makes a big difference. I appreciate it will be difficult if a person has no family but thats where organisations like CSNW can play a helpful role. CSNW is not all about finding a marriage partner but is a very good christian social group.</p>	
258	going to church really helps having mid week meetings stops me from being at home by myself	Jul 7, 2012 12:32 PM
259	I like that I'm not expected to "go out on the pull" and get smashed every weekend. I feel that whereas they may feel they're missing something in their lives, I have God there for me who is my support and encouragement - I don't need that from a man.	Jul 7, 2012 10:22 AM
260	Having my one space at home.	Jul 7, 2012 10:01 AM
261	I fell a peace of spirit that nothing can buy, only Jesus can give me this.	Jul 7, 2012 7:28 AM
262	Being able to spend my time as I please with out having anyone to answer to.	Jul 7, 2012 6:53 AM
263	I have something to look forward each day about my future as it is certain because it belongs to GOD.	Jul 7, 2012 6:23 AM
264	i feel i dont need to have a man in my life for sensual/sexual reasons...i prefer to have relationships bsd on friendship/companionship...mainly non christian friends tend to look for sexual partners, and feel just platonic relationships are not fulfilling.	Jul 7, 2012 5:13 AM
265	Church community for practical, emotional and spiritual support	Jul 7, 2012 3:13 AM
266	I have god in my life and the peace of mind that brings im loved	Jul 6, 2012 3:57 PM
267	I know there is more to life than just this life - Salvation provides a horizon beyond this life so if I don't get it all it's not the end - although I may feel a bit envious of others at times having a family, Children, house of their own etc. I know that's not it.	Jul 6, 2012 3:33 PM
268	I have God to turn to for advice and comfort- he is my rock which non chritian friends do not have	Jul 6, 2012 12:47 PM
269	don't have a single non-Christian friends	Jul 6, 2012 2:41 AM
270	there are no positives as I do not have any close christian or none christian friends	Jul 6, 2012 12:43 AM
271	I am struggling to find any.	Jul 5, 2012 3:44 PM
272	I can now choose to go where I like and do what I like, but after a wonderful marriage of over 44 years, the sudden death of my beloved wife has left a very large hole in my life. But faith and many opportunities for service which	Jul 5, 2012 3:02 PM

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	has only come since she died has been a great and wonderful blessing. it doesn't compensate however for the love and encouragement that marriage had been and no one to go home to or to encourage you, so the grief goes on and the love and trust is sadly missed. Only faith in the Lord compensates and the knowledge He is there for me 'all the days of my life.'	
273	i meet people every day at work many at different ages but i get on with them.	Jul 5, 2012 2:03 PM
274	I have Jesus!!!!	Jul 5, 2012 12:02 PM
275	I got on with my life as best as I can.....I have sufficient self confidence to tackle the negatives of being single. Which allows me to concentrate on the positives,	Jul 5, 2012 3:49 AM
276	I have a good network of single friends, though they are mostly women. I know I am not alone in the day to day difficulties of modern living because of Jesus in my life. I know that God has a plan and a purpose for my life.	Jul 5, 2012 3:24 AM
277	ability to trust God for my future.	Jul 5, 2012 2:24 AM
278	God's guidance and care. His intimate love of me, provision for me and plans for my future. He gives me satisfaction and purpose now, but also hope and motivation for the future.	Jul 4, 2012 3:09 PM
279	I work away from home typically two or three nights each week, which I realise would be difficult if I were in a relationship or married.	Jul 4, 2012 2:50 PM
280	The church family is important to me. I'm glad I feel part of it, but I still often feel lonely.	Jul 4, 2012 1:55 PM
281	Other than knowing I'm accepted by God for who I am I'm not really sure of any other positives	Jul 4, 2012 12:11 PM
282	The fact that when we go through trouble we know there is a God and He is with us and if He is for us who can be against us? and that hell will not prevail upon our lives	Jul 4, 2012 12:08 PM
283	no non-christian single friends	Jul 4, 2012 7:02 AM
284	It is possible to be more focussed on what god has planned for you but if i found the right partner then we could work together for god but at my age there are not many christian single men around.	Jul 4, 2012 3:12 AM
285	cant see any difference to my single non christian freinds	Jul 4, 2012 12:51 AM
286	Freedom of independence and lack of responsibilities	Jul 4, 2012 12:06 AM
287	I know God does and will always love me. That makes a difference. But that is not particular to being single.	Jul 3, 2012 4:27 PM
288	I have a christian Community who support me and pray for me and take an interest in me. I have a circle of friends who I socialise with I have a christian hope which means that there is an eternal perspective	Jul 3, 2012 3:36 PM
289	I try to trust in God and help others in the meantime.	Jul 3, 2012 3:28 PM

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290	my relationship with god gives me a joy and contentment that they do not have, and provides me with an inner strength.	Jul 3, 2012 3:12 PM
291	Don't think I have too many non-christian single friends	Jul 3, 2012 2:46 PM
292	More focus. More wisdom, thanks to being well taught.	Jul 3, 2012 12:48 PM
293	Freedom to use my weekends and free time I wish. Can spend time with god when I choose.	Jul 3, 2012 12:04 PM
294	i believe God is in control with my single situation and i have hope that He knows and will work it out for my good. i refrain from making impulsive wrong or unwise choices that create pain short and long term (ie; sleeping around).	Jul 3, 2012 10:41 AM
295	I don't have many non-Christian single friends so I can't comment	Jul 3, 2012 10:32 AM
296	The church is another family and I have many friends there. The activities there are for everyone. There is also an opportunity to contribute positively.	Jul 3, 2012 10:17 AM
297	I think non-christian people are less judgmental and morally have more freedom to engage in casual relationships that suits their individual life style. i.e living together, going on holiday together when it suits without the commitment of marriage. Which of course I don't think is God's way.	Jul 3, 2012 9:15 AM
298	not easy in short time available	Jul 3, 2012 8:41 AM
299	On days when I am feeling particularly low or challenging, I pray to our lord for strength, guidance and help. He always answers my prayers be it with a ray of sunshine, or a simple word.	Jul 3, 2012 8:34 AM
300	Wake up, make tea, read the word for today, look up relevant bible passages, mark them or note them in my little red book, depending on their impact and how I feel that day... shower, breakfast, get ready for work, make sandwich for lunch, meet daughter for car share to work/work together.... answer calls, talk to people, hopefully help them sometimes, (I work in social housing!!!), go for a walk, shop at lunchtime, more calls, talk to other Christian colleagues about Jesus stuff between calls and talk to other colleagues also... lift home with daughter, have a cuppa, cook dinner, watch tv, call son/friends/meet friends, attend meetings (school governor), bible study class, life group, fall asleep on sofa..... go to bed	Jul 3, 2012 8:27 AM
301	It is hard for me to describe any.	Jul 3, 2012 7:33 AM
302	I can only say that the support etc I have had from my church in nearly twenty years, both married and widowed, has been extremely helpful and I would not have managed without it. I can also say that all single members of the congregation would be treated in the same way. In my observations, single men and women are treated as valued members and would receive help if it was needed I am sure.	Jul 3, 2012 6:07 AM
303	I have friends whom I can discuss things, decisions if I wish or need to. I can please myself about what I do socially or if I want to do something on my own. It would be easier to have a companion there to do things together and plan together - but the freedom to do as I want is also good, without having to take account of another person	Jul 3, 2012 4:25 AM

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304	The biggest positive is having a saviour who knows my every weakness.	Jul 3, 2012 3:48 AM
305	i am a positive happy go lucky type of person who makes the best of life . i am constantly busy. God is important in my life some of my friends think i need a man at any cost i strongly disagree. i would like a gental christian man who wishes to share my life not run it.	Jul 3, 2012 3:37 AM
306	I need not feel guilty about eating pickled onions for supper.	Jul 3, 2012 3:09 AM
307	Constant reminder that despite whatever I think and feel there is a greater power to support me and to remind me of duty and other perspectives in life.	Jul 3, 2012 3:08 AM
308	I have my faith which strenthens and encourages me. I have a good church family and friends; as well as a family who care and I spend a lot of time with.	Jul 3, 2012 2:29 AM
309	Being single allows me the freedom to make changes to my life that I couldn't necessarily do with a wife and children. Although, I am bound to say that Christian couples I know have gone on missionary work and settled elsewhere with only faith that God will provide.	Jul 3, 2012 1:46 AM
310	I know I can trust in God to be a husband to me and I know that He helps me with things that I find hard and provides for my needs. I have hope when they don't.	Jul 3, 2012 1:20 AM
311	I always have God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to lean upon -in prayer & communion. Faith - confidence that everything will be alright.	Jul 2, 2012 11:42 PM
312	Knowing that Jesus does have my future in His hands and that committing the fears, hopes and desires to Him is the most important thing. Also knowing that He loves me and knows everything I feel. Also he has a perfect will for my life and that this will bring my total fulfillment irrespective of if I am in a relationship or not - non Christians dont have that. However I think socially single non Christians tend to have more oppourtunities - the Church as an organisation doesnt tend to think in terms of the importance of a social life for singles or the loneliness of many people in the church young and elderly.	Jul 2, 2012 11:34 PM
313	* I'm single but not alone, I have Christ in & around me as opposed to a single non-Christian * I have hope & faith, I know this is part of God's plan so ultimately in some shape or form for my good * Takes away the desperation & peer pressure to be like everyone else & have a partner irrespective because I know - all in God's time	Jul 2, 2012 6:11 PM
314	None that I can think of! I used to trust that God would see me through, but that trust is waver thin these days.	Jul 2, 2012 5:59 PM
315	I have a good grounding of moral values and sense of right and wrong. I am able to listen to my conscience and try to follow the will of God. I can pray and ask for guidance, and pray for healing and comfort. I think that some non-Christians may not know how to make good moral decisions, and they may make mistakes and this will cause them to be unhappy and to suffer in all sorts of ways. They will not benefit from a personal relationship with Our Lord who they can turn to in times of need.	Jul 2, 2012 3:56 PM
316	As a Christian single person, I feel secure and grounded. Even though I've been through depression and bereavement at different periods in the last few	Jul 2, 2012 3:17 PM

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	years, I know I'm loved by God and and He has a definite purpose for my life whether I remain single or not. I've found that when I've been real with non-Christian friends, they respect my beliefs. I believe non-Christians see in me an inner strength which comes from my life in Him.	
317	God is my encourager. I now believe that there is a positive way to learn from every situation, and God has taught me so much patience and faith. I cannot imagine how I would have managed as a non-christian.	Jul 2, 2012 3:09 PM
318	I am at peace as a person and thankful to God that He has kept me from some of the traumas of those who have experienced in their marriages. I can be focussed on what the Lord is saying to me and how He is leading me and enjoy the relationship without necessarily having to justify or explain to another - this can have advantages and disadvantages! I can live to some extent spontaneously, without having to ask another's permission or gain another's agreement	Jul 2, 2012 3:07 PM
319	I am confident in who I am and will not compromise myself anymore, truth be told I have suffered more in relationships (marriage) as a christian than when I was a non-christian. As a non-christian my standards of expectation in a spouse were higher than what I allowed to happen because I was a christian. I would not ever tolerate domestic abuse if I was not a christian, however as a christian I did for many years.	Jul 2, 2012 2:26 PM
320	I have to hold onto the fact that God can see the bigger picture and that gives me some comfort but at the time of completing this questionnaire I am struggling to hold onto that reality. It does however, stop me from reaching some of the depths of despair that I see my non christian single friends reaching.	Jul 2, 2012 2:12 PM
321	Good - Not having to take account of my wife's desires Can go/do what I like	Jul 2, 2012 2:11 PM
322	My faith has sustained me through divorce and raising my children as a loan parent. I have a stronger more real faith and a hope for the future that God will continue to guide me . His faithfulness has been tested and he has proved himself true. I have prayed for a soulmate but believe that God knows my needs and his timing is always the best. A single old age is not appealing but I trust the God has good future planned for me and he will provide what I need to live a fulfilled life.	Jul 2, 2012 1:52 PM
323	Go mostly by prayer and my conscience	Jul 2, 2012 1:49 PM
324	At the moment, I don't feel positive at all.....	Jul 2, 2012 1:30 PM
325	my faith in god and a peace they dont have	Jul 2, 2012 1:20 PM
326	i have no non Christian single friends, those i had i stayed away from as they were male and have the wrong impression if we were both single	Jul 2, 2012 1:13 PM
327	I don't have any drama to deal with, I have God to guide me if embark on any potential relationships, I don't have to worry about getting pregnant or getting an STI.	Jul 2, 2012 12:54 PM
328	I'm never alone God is always there and keeps me focused, and answers when I call for help	Jul 2, 2012 12:52 PM

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329	I know that God has the right person for me, and that He gives me peace and strength to deal with the waiting in the meantime. Although media/peer pressure can be heard, I would rather wait rather than buying into the line that you don't know someone before you have sex with them.	Jul 2, 2012 12:51 PM
330	not sure - the main difference being a Christian single for me is that my identity is in Christ and not needing to be affirmed by male attention. Also the church provides (although not ideal still more of) a family and some depth of relationship that my non-Christian friends find much harder to find.	Jul 2, 2012 12:50 PM
331	I do enjoy having the space to spend time with God, and also the choice about what music I listen to or what I watch on TV. I have lots of supportive Christian friends. I think also that my self esteem is better because I am a Christian. Also my life is just not empty - it's very full - and having a partner is never going to be the main focus of my life. It would be nice, but it isn't essential - my relationship with God is!	Jul 2, 2012 12:42 PM
332	freedom of choice, freedom to choose where to spend my time freedom from being the person i am expected to be	Jul 2, 2012 12:35 PM
333	I know God loves me always even if I never managed to find a man who would!	Jul 2, 2012 12:30 PM
334	Can choose to do what and when I want.	Jul 2, 2012 12:13 PM
335	I know the Lord is in control and I'm not totally alone!	Jul 2, 2012 12:10 PM
336	I have the support of church community - for companionship. I go on christian holidays and retreats etc. It is easier for me than for some non-christian friends to find suitable holidays.	Jul 2, 2012 12:01 PM
337	The fellowship of a church family. Other like-minded single people around. Feeling loved by God.	Jul 2, 2012 11:54 AM
338	I can't think of very many! My non-Christian single colleagues/friends tend to have better social lives than I do as a Christian single. I think the main positive is knowing God is there to depend upon and to draw strength from when I meet challenges.	Jul 2, 2012 11:52 AM
339	POSTIVES AS A CHRISTIAN - MORE TIME SPENT WITH GOD PRAYING, AND GOING TO CHURCH. VISUIT DIFFERENT CURCHES, PLACES OF WORSHIP. NON - CHRISTIAN SINGLE FRIENDS NEGATIVE POINTS MORE TIME SPENT SHOPPING SPENDING MONEY LACK OF TIME WITH GOD, AND OTHER CHRISTIANS	Jul 2, 2012 11:51 AM
340	Knowing that God loves me an is there for me gives me that little additional strength to go the extra mile when in difficulties	Jul 2, 2012 11:40 AM
341	makes no difference	Jul 2, 2012 11:39 AM
342	I enjoy the peace that being on my own brings.I was in a very controlling marriage.so would only consider a partner with whom I could share my faith,	Jul 2, 2012 11:35 AM
343	Being able to have my own timetable, being able to read in bed in the middle of the night if can't sleep, not being accountable to anyone else for my decisions, no arguing over the remote control, being able to eat when I want, not having to clear up after anyone else, not being undermined or criticised.	Jul 2, 2012 11:21 AM

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344	They do not have purpose in their lives, so don't see beyond the "here and now", so what ever feels good for now, do it. In order to be accepted after a period of mental illness, I found more worldly colleagues reached out to include me in their social plans, rather than ANY people from church. Hence I became a bit more worldly to fit in, and was hurt by the church. I am now coming back from that and trying to rectify my spiritual life. It is such a shame to feel more accepted, welcomed and wanted and supported by non-Christians than Christians, especially at a low point in your life! :-)	Jul 2, 2012 11:14 AM
345	I have God so I'm not alone. They do have alot of other things easier hough- like its not likelt to be a permanent state.	Jul 2, 2012 11:13 AM
346	Being able to make coices and follow them through	Jul 2, 2012 10:55 AM
347	I have support from church family and I know I can depend on a certain handful of Christian friends who help to provide lifts for my children sometimes, or a quiet home to study for example. This is often reciprocal as I can offer a baby sitting service or sewing in exchange.	Jul 2, 2012 10:55 AM
348	I can find friends at church no matter what and I know that in the end God saves me	Jul 2, 2012 10:46 AM
349	The main positive is that I have God's family around me, supporting and caring. There is always something to help with filling up my time. Plenty of interaction with other people.	Jul 2, 2012 10:38 AM
350	I have a living relationship with God and I no longer live to satisfy my own needs but am thrilled to be united with God and experience God's leading every day so I don't look for relationship to make me happy, am happy because of the Salvation that rests on knowing God through Jesus Christ. Non Christians will look to many different ways to compensate the lack intimacy with thier living God by placing their trust with people who ultimately will hurt them.	Jul 1, 2012 1:42 PM
351	As a Christian, I know that God understands me completely, and has my best interests at heart. I am convinced that he loves me, and can help me in whatever circumstances I find myself. God is omnipotent, and does not make mistakes! I can pray about specific areas of difficulty, and He meets me at my point of need. Single Christians, as other christians, find fulfillment in their relationship with Christ. I find when I walk closely with Christ, then I don't worry about my marital status - it's not an issue. However, it can become more of an issue if I wander from my close walk with God.	Jul 1, 2012 9:27 AM
352	I have the freedom and time to do as I wish when I want and don't have to factor anyone else into the decisions that I make.	Jul 1, 2012 5:54 AM
353	I have the Lord	Jul 1, 2012 5:12 AM
354	The things I can say is that I do have the love of God which few of my non-Christian friends understand plus I have fellowship with my Christian brothers and sisters. I also appreciate my life, other people and the world around me in a way that only another Christian could understand	Jun 30, 2012 2:48 PM
355	God focused, purposeful,	Jun 30, 2012 5:28 AM
356	i can do everything in my own time and wishes	Jun 29, 2012 4:40 PM

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357	It is true that I can just please myself and dont have relationship conflicts to deal with on a daily basis. My children live away with their own families and I am free to visit without restrictions.As I work full time being single is helpful as my free time is limited. I am learning to live happy in my skin,which I believe is important for me,before I involve anyone else in my life.	Jun 29, 2012 12:36 PM
358	I can choose when to go out. I can choose when i eat a meal.	Jun 29, 2012 3:26 AM
359	The positive come from know that no matter how much I sometimes feel it, ultimately I am not alone and I am loved by someone who forgives me all my faults and mistakes. Someone who will never leave me. I feel I have a lot to offer within a relationship and therefore being single does make me feel slightly unfulfilled. But being a Christian helps me to see that I do have worth wether single or married and I am defined by my relationship with God not man.	Jun 28, 2012 1:06 PM
360	I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand, with Him things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned. With Jesus I CAN live day by day, rejoicing in the gift of it, knowing I don't need a spouse for provision, protection, happiness, etc as My God will provide all my needs. Thankfully the Biblical view on happiness is not the one promoted my the media, so I have the weapon of the Word to use against self-pity. I am not waiting for my 'other half' as I am complete in Christ. A spouse will be a blessing, so I will be able to freely give and love without need when the time comes. Also, the Lord is a healer of my broken heart, so I'm free from my past and all the bad relationships there too. Without Jesus, singleness [and non singleness, for that matter] would be a scary place indeed.	Jun 28, 2012 9:56 AM
361	Church does the opportunity to connect with other humans in a safe environment. Additionally my involvement with events for single Christians gives me access to many single people who share similar opportunities and challenges.	Jun 28, 2012 8:09 AM
362	- Prayer and worship - loudly! - It's a deep cleansing opportunity. In seeking him, esp through hard times like bad dating experiences, He brings deep revelation, release and transformation - I got to understand and practice repentance, confession, forgiveness and surrender - Sharing the gospel during travel, work etc (no change there) - Preparing for God's plan A, marriage and his plan A no marriage (He doesn't have a plan B!), by being prepared to go to marriage seminars and by seeking his direction - Never being alone - God always there - Having someone to talk to (God) - Having married Christian friends who give you a reality check - Empathizing with single Christian friends - Being grateful that - having accepted Jesus just 5 years ago at 36 - I do not have to live the secular life of physical intimacy, followed by heart break - Being able to talk freely - to Christians and non - about desiring marriage because it's Christ centred, this almost always attracts favourable responses. When you don't know God and are single, any talk of desiring marriage can come across and 'cheesy.' - Knowing that I would meet my husband. My faith in this area is strong in the spirit, even when weak in the flesh. I was prepared to wait until I was 70, 80 or 90 if that was God's will. It was far more difficult to disbelieve this than believe it. CC helped :-)	Jun 27, 2012 6:12 PM
363	AM POSITIVE IN LIFE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE JESUS WHOM I ALWAYS PRAY TO KEEP GUIDING ME IN MY LIFE....	Jun 27, 2012 3:02 PM
364	I have the bed to myself	Jun 27, 2012 2:45 PM

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365	I have a wonderful church family who are concerned for my well being. I have amazing friends who I pray through all aspects of our lives	Jun 27, 2012 11:26 AM
366	i have god i can take my problems to and for support. i can trust he has a good future for me.	Jun 26, 2012 2:43 PM
367	Being able to sign up for short courses, learn new things, participate in things at short-notice... the flexibility of being able to make spot decisions about what to do .. for example after work to be able to suddenly go to the cinema or have a drink after work with a friend, I don't see these as huge advantages because in a secure marriage you could also do this by simply letting your husband know... but it would be more difficult.	Jun 26, 2012 1:33 PM
368	There are none that I can think of. I suppose, my church is my family, but i really don't think I would be single if I wasn't a christian.	Jun 26, 2012 1:10 PM
369	More time praying with God and reading the Bible I guess. I don't think there are that many differences other than spiritual ones, I spend a lot of time with my non-Christian single friends and in most ways we still have the same issues e.g. when will I meet Mr Right? etc. In some ways I find that bonding as I can relate and then put a spin on it in that I have faith God's timing is perfect/He knows what He's doing deciding whether I am to be single or not.	Jun 26, 2012 12:42 PM
370	Unlike my non-single Christian friends, my hoped-for future fulfilment is not ENTIRELY based on finding a man. It is to some extent, but I'd say less so than theirs. I'd say it affects my self-esteem a little bit less than theirs, because my identity is not in my singleness entirely, it's in who I am as a child of God. I also have more intimacy in my friendships than my non-Christian single friends. I also have a lot more people-based interests and groups and connectedness than my non-Christian single friends, so I'd say I have a greater sense of purpose, a richer sense of community, and live out my values more than they do.	Jun 26, 2012 12:10 PM
371	Without Jesus could not cope freedom at start great then very lonely,few christian men most meetings women or married. the things the world does as christians we cant tian husbandsome women marrying unbelievers as cant find chris	Jun 26, 2012 10:33 AM
372	I know that I am not alone, I can talk to God and say anything that I want and need to no matter how terrible and know that it will remain confidential. I have hope and can draw upon God for strength when I am weak. I know that God thinks I am special and that I am special to him.	Jun 26, 2012 3:27 AM
373	Have learnt to do many things which I would never have had to do had I been married - am totally independent and have to be very strong. Am free to do whatever I like and can make plans for the future without taking anyone else into account, eg, overseas mission.	Jun 26, 2012 1:01 AM
374	Church and being a christian provides me with a huge network of caring like minded people, who I know love me and accept me as I am - not sure that non christian single friends would have such a large network	Jun 25, 2012 3:30 PM
375	Having Jesus at the helm we can seek his strength in all difficulties. However as one gets older as a single person one gets very lonely. Positives having the holy spirit to guide every day, however sometimes the holy spirit seems far away. Non Christian friends can have friends male and female that do not have too live up to the standards we are expected too.	Jun 25, 2012 2:29 PM

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376	Peace of mind, I always believes God have a great plan for me when if I cant see it yet. I like the idea of not sleeping around and been able to keep pure. My friends cannot get their head round no sex attitude. But lately I am so tired and feel lonely.	Jun 25, 2012 1:37 PM
377	I dont now really i carry on bringing up my Daughter on my own making all the desicions by mself and i guess this is all i have known since my Partner died. I have let some time pass and i am ready for companionship and welcome it when it happens i intend to join as a fully member as soon as i can.	Jun 25, 2012 3:25 AM
378	i am not on a mission. why do you assume christians are on 'missions'. please do tell me - is it not enough for a man to attend a church on sunday - perhaps a prayer meeting in the week - to love and serve god - and his fellow man - in his own way - no matter how humble - without being on some sort of 'mission'? i am not tom cruise and i do not require missions (impossible or not) - thanks very much. this sort of phoney speech puts ordinary people off the faith. i am an ordinary person. i will leave 'missions' to the saints and to the egoists. think i may go back to roman catholicism.	Jun 24, 2012 4:31 PM
379	I am so glad that Jesus is in my life it enables me to let some things wash over me, I still have problems like everyone else but they seem not so important when you believe plus I can give people answers if they ask to questions they had no answer's too!!	Jun 24, 2012 3:20 PM
380	Just that I have a little more hope and know that God has a plan, although I might not be terribly happy with whats going on at the moment, I know in due time, if it's his will, everything will work out for me as long as I continue trusting and following him	Jun 24, 2012 3:08 PM
381	I enjoy my life. I am free to more or less do as I please each day. Free to be with friends and family. Each day I am aware of the love surrounding me and I try to live my life as Jesus would wish me to.	Jun 24, 2012 2:01 PM
382	I do have wonderful Christian friends who really support me in life and ministry and that is a huge comfort and encouragement to me. I don't know how i would cope without them. I would struggle much more as a non-Christian single person as i don't think i would have my Christian community and so not have as many meaningful relationships.	Jun 24, 2012 1:40 PM
383	Without God I would not have survived my divorce and subsequent walk on my own. God is my Helper and comfort in ways that friends cannot be. I don't know how non-Christians cope.	Jun 24, 2012 9:21 AM
384	Able to do what I want and spend my money in my own way	Jun 24, 2012 4:30 AM
385	I would rather be single and happy than married and miserable. There are things I miss but i do enjoy the freedom that comes with people single that married with children doesnt have	Jun 23, 2012 11:19 PM
386	Security in God, knowing some limits to people I would like to marry and how I want life to be	Jun 23, 2012 6:31 PM
387	I know that God gives no more than I can cope with and has good things planned for me, and I find this reassuring, whether or not I see someone else in my life in the future.	Jun 23, 2012 4:17 PM

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388	i have more time i have more freedom my friendships are more varied	Jun 23, 2012 2:40 PM
389	I know that my God loves me, come what may. I do get down sometimes, but pray God will always call me back. Perhaps it's a bit self-pitying, but Jesus is there for everyone - especially those who have no-one else. So specifically, I can go and pray in church or at home and pray for His comfort when I'm lonely or concerned about my future.	Jun 23, 2012 1:41 PM
390	I depend on God and can spend my time serving Him without any distraction. The social life of the church is extremely limited so I spend a lot of time alone. All my friends are married and that takes up the majority of their time so with the best intentions in the world I am left alone. My family love me dearly but they have to get on with their own lives, quite rightly. So I am alone. The loneliness after 42 years with someone is hard to bear.	Jun 23, 2012 10:37 AM
391	I have a biblical guideline which is a comfort to me. So, for that time when I feel alone, I have something with solid ground to hold me up and firm on my feet. Though I would like to be in a lasting relationship with a right person, I also cherish been single.	Jun 23, 2012 7:09 AM
392	I can make my own decisions when I want to do things and how I do them. But I also have difficulties in many practical things i.e. if I would be ill, doing repairs in the house, always being responsible for everything.	Jun 23, 2012 3:30 AM
393	God is my best friend and i know He will never let me down	Jun 23, 2012 3:18 AM
394	Having the time and choice to do things when I want to.	Jun 23, 2012 12:30 AM
395	i HAVE GOD IN MY LIFE ,AM BUSY WITH MINISTRY TO FEEL LONELY ,HOLY SPIRIT HELPS WITH DELF CONTROL	Jun 22, 2012 5:09 PM
396	Hardly considered, except insomuch that much of my work is centred around the church!	Jun 22, 2012 4:10 PM
397	I love God and know I have a future beyond what I see and beyond this physical life. I have learnt that challenges are a painful blip in the eternal scheme of things. I don't need to worry. However I work very hard and recently am getting frustrated- partly as my faith has taken a knock, I've got over tired with job stresses and an elderly mum going batty but who won't acknowledge God. That probably doesn't answer your question- but I know I have a deeper safety net, an amazing God who loves me whatever my status.	Jun 22, 2012 3:56 PM
398	My church life and my experience of the holy spirit is precious to me. From my perspective, I am glad I will not be drawn into inappropriately physical relationships too quickly, however, I am not entirely enthralled with the other extreme either!	Jun 22, 2012 3:42 PM
399	the positives to being a single christian compared to a non christian is i have a strong relationship with my loving father, and when i feel lonely i have him to turn to as well as my fellow single christian's. i have faith and trust in gods plan, rather than thinking there's a problem with me as a person.	Jun 22, 2012 3:27 PM
400	I think the positives are having that relationship with God, through Jesus, and having the holy spirit to help and guide you through lifes ups and downs. Also the truth that we are all part of the big family of God, his Church, anyway. It definitely makes being a single person easier to keep in	Jun 22, 2012 2:51 PM

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	perspective.	
401	In a sense I am never alone because I am always aware of God's presence and my ability to pray, at any time.	Jun 22, 2012 2:45 PM
402	Being able to share feelings with God, even though answers to prayer feel at least delayed	Jun 22, 2012 1:57 PM
403	fellowship	Jun 22, 2012 12:58 PM
404	Not searching for a partner but for God's purpose in my life.	Jun 22, 2012 12:29 PM
405	i've got Jesus to talk to when i'm feeling loney or sad	Jun 22, 2012 11:27 AM
406	No difference. In fact more difficult if anything because fewer single people of the same mindset to meet/marry.	Jun 22, 2012 10:36 AM
407	Not under pressure to care for someone ie cook/clean or when I get up in the morning	Jun 22, 2012 10:03 AM
408	I am never alone i always have someone to talk to. I have hope that God has a plan for my life.	Jun 22, 2012 9:47 AM
409	I am never totally alone because I have a relationship with God, and he walks with and carries me through	Jun 22, 2012 9:36 AM
410	As a Christian I can be friends with Christian couples in a Christian/trusting friendship - if she is not at Church I can sit with him for a service and there is no thought of this being in any way wrong or suspicious. I am often lonely but never alone - God is always there and that is a comfort.	Jun 22, 2012 9:33 AM
411	Lots of time to devote to the work I do. Able to move around the country for work and only have to consider myself.	Jun 22, 2012 8:49 AM
412	I know that God will always take care of me no matter what the situation,I have my faith! I can visit most churches and connect with a community of like minded people in different activities,whether single or not.My connections with friends in the Christian singles groups are a real blessing.	Jun 22, 2012 8:47 AM
413	I know married people who are disillusioned with marriage , or in an "argument filled" marriage. I avoid those problems. i come & go as i please.	Jun 22, 2012 8:04 AM
414	The myth that there is something wrong with you if you are single must surely be a lie from Satan?! It's surely more likely that weak personalities / character with low self-esteem who have issues that they want to fix or hide rush into marriage?! They don't like themselves or their own company or being on their own, they are very needy and gain their validation through someone else. Surely it is stronger people with higher standards who don't fall into this trap.	Jun 22, 2012 7:24 AM
415	I can minister whenever and wherever. God can use me more readily, albeit that its more difficult to minister for marriage type issues.	Jun 22, 2012 6:14 AM
416	I can see very little difference. My non Christian friends lead a very similar lifestyle to my own.Their outlook/ morals are as mine and I feel that sometimes feel that Christians have a very much us and them attitude. I know many non Christians who are more 'Godly' than Christians.However,	Jun 22, 2012 5:47 AM

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	they obviously feel they have to rely totally on themselves, family and friends alone whereas I know I have God with me as well.	
417	Significant time to devote to prayer. Time to pursue a career, courses, studies.	Jun 22, 2012 5:11 AM
418	sorry, can't think of any - apart from the benefit of being a Christian and having faith of course	Jun 22, 2012 3:43 AM
419	Use my time as I like.	Jun 21, 2012 8:59 PM
420	I have God, they do not. Not yet anyway, hopefully they will someday.	Jun 21, 2012 4:19 PM
421	I recognise that I have a lot more time for devotional space with God, to study (I have just taken a year out to go to Bible College), for my interests etc... which my married friends with kids don't have so much space for. I also know that my parents love that fact that they get more opportunity to see me (though Christmas just the three of us can be HARD at times! And going to family functions with my brothers and their wives difficult). I appreciate I have the freedom to make decisions and manage my own affairs independently. I also get more time to hang out with other people and bless those around me without being distracted by other responsibilities.	Jun 21, 2012 3:51 PM
422	If we are following God, we are more protected from the emotional damage caused by casual sex and consequences of heavy drinking.	Jun 21, 2012 3:32 PM
423	Not having to answer to anyone else.	Jun 21, 2012 3:30 PM
424	I believe being single at my age has afforded me the chance to reall grow close to God and really know Him for myself. Yes I'd like to have someone in my life to share life with, however I don't stop enjoying my own company because I don't have a partner! I also know myself very well without expecting a spouse to figure me out (like I see in some relationships!) I pray as long or short as I want to, I go to church as often as I want to, and often I do enjoy & love my own company!	Jun 21, 2012 2:17 PM
425	I prefer to live my life as if there is a god and then to find out there isnt one than to live as if there isnt a god and then find out there is one.....Am single by choice because of a bad/horrible marriage and I would prefer live alone the rest of my life than to have a man that wont treat me right and with respect	Jun 21, 2012 1:08 PM
426	I feel I'm not under the same pressure to be in a relationship, even if it was an unsatisfactory one. I feel much more free now I am no longer expected to go along with the lifestyle I previously lived- eg going out drinking and "on the pull." I thought I enjoyed that kind of life at the time but I'm much happier without it.	Jun 21, 2012 11:58 AM
427	Hope in God, and knowledge that my future is in his hands and I have him with me always.	Jun 21, 2012 10:40 AM
428	I am able to have a flexible timetable, able to take time off from work when I like without having to consult with another person. I am able to cook what I want, when I want and know that if I don't like it, I can make something else and not be answerable to them. I like going on holidays alone as I often meet others who are in the same situation and get on really well.	Jun 21, 2012 9:52 AM

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429	I have God and people to lean on. No one to use or abuse me. I feel valued and part of my church community and choose whether I am lonely or not.	Jun 21, 2012 9:32 AM
430	???	Jun 21, 2012 8:05 AM
431	A knowledge of identity, purpose, future, and of course being loved totally. Having Someone to turn to Who knows all the answers, & is willing to help.	Jun 21, 2012 7:12 AM
432	I have no additional considerations other than my own and family to pull away from youth work.	Jun 21, 2012 6:28 AM
433	I have a purpose and a church family	Jun 21, 2012 5:46 AM
434	not worrying about my future relationships, not falling into the same traps or negative cycles with regards to people, decisions. just having a peace when the day might not go as planned and knowing that i am loved even if i have a "bad hair day"	Jun 21, 2012 4:22 AM
435	None	Jun 21, 2012 2:40 AM
436	I believe there is a plan even if I don't like it. I just feel God is happy for me to be lonely now but I'll understand later, maybe MUCH later though.	Jun 20, 2012 11:01 PM
437	don't really see a difference	Jun 20, 2012 4:14 PM
438	I now spend a lot of time on my own and struggle with conversation when going to my home church, as people thought i was gonna come back from uni engaged as most people who go of to uni do. Amongst Christians i feel like i have failed as most people my age get married however amongst my non christian friends i feel not so much a failure	Jun 20, 2012 4:11 PM
439	Not something have ever considered... Not seen a difference	Jun 20, 2012 3:56 PM
440	I know that there is a reason that im Single and that God has a plan for me. this isn't pointless time in my life, the trials are there for a reason and i need to learn from it. Non-christians friends blame God even if they dont believe in God!	Jun 20, 2012 2:54 PM
441	I see my self through God's eyes not my lack of person to share with, so more grounded. I know my future will have good stuff in it. I don't really worry about money as know God will provide. When crises hit I have prayer as a real and powerful weapon.	Jun 20, 2012 2:27 PM
442	Appreciate the freedom to choose what I do rather than having to ask someone else for their opinion Appreciate the freedom that not having children gives me Being single gives me more time to spend with God and makes me more reliant on him for guidance	Jun 20, 2012 1:36 PM
443	Having a community of like minded people to belong to and who are willing to do life with.	Jun 20, 2012 1:34 PM
444	Struggle to find the positives...yes I have a relationship with God but He doesn't keep me company, help me when the car/house goes wrong, goes on holiday with me, is someone to share a meal with, chat to about my day, someone to care for and give to...etc etc...being single is more accepted outside faith and at least they can have sex and that sort of intimacy. As one Christian writer said, 'whilst no sex before marriage is at best a novelty, no	Jun 20, 2012 1:03 PM

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	sex before death is no laughing matter!	
445	Love being able to make my own choices.	Jun 20, 2012 11:49 AM
446	I have God to share my concerns, dreams with and would have almost no family at all in the practical sense but for my Christian friends	Jun 20, 2012 11:12 AM
447	The main positive when I was single and unmarried was being able to make decisions on my own - quickly! I am still learning about having a husband to consult - but we love it that way. In the main, though, I did come to feel a bit of an outsider- except at singles' events - although that is not why I got married. I didn't like being around lots of married couples with children. I decided to get involved with organising events for other Christians, and I still do that, in spite of being married. These events are not exclusively for singles, but attract mostly singles.	Jun 20, 2012 10:51 AM
448	I am free to serve the lord with no other responsibilities	Jun 20, 2012 10:11 AM
449	I see another side to issues from a biblical perspective that they might not see.	Jun 20, 2012 9:17 AM
450	I don't have any non-Christian single friends left! They're all coupled up. It's only (some) of my Christian female friends who are still single. So really can't comment.	Jun 20, 2012 8:31 AM
451	I regret to say that I do not have any single non-Christian friends.	Jun 20, 2012 8:29 AM
452	A peaceful life with time to do social activities: dancing or artistic: going to museums or late night parties e.g. clubbing	Jun 20, 2012 8:24 AM
453	Most of my non-Christian friends are not single. However I suppose compared to the few that are single I at least have the Church community. However as I touched on before, could this be the reason so many Christians are still single. ie. Non-Christians are "forced" to pair up for support, holidays, weekends away etc, while Christians have endless Christian holidays and weekends away they can go on as singles.	Jun 20, 2012 7:57 AM
454	Knowledge of the Bible provides excellent and timeless guidance for understanding and trying to deal with day to day difficulties.	Jun 20, 2012 7:12 AM
455	Being a single christian means I have someone looking out for me who I can rely on and not feel alone	Jun 20, 2012 6:56 AM
456	Having God as a friend and someone I can share difficulties with.	Jun 20, 2012 6:45 AM
457	i know i can go to my christian friends and tell them what i believe the desires of my heart are. whwhereas with my none christian friends they just believe i am being picky and single because i wont sleep with guys.	Jun 20, 2012 6:14 AM
458	Knowing that God is in control helps and knows the bigger picture for my life so I have Him to trust rather than myself which is sadly what nonchristians don't have, or don't know they can have.	Jun 20, 2012 5:29 AM
459	more friends and more opportunitites to meet new people through volunteering	Jun 20, 2012 4:47 AM
460	I don't feel the need to spent my time hunting for a man which seems to	Jun 20, 2012 4:40 AM

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	consume some single non christian friends	
461	I know my life is planned by the father and that nothing and no one can thwart his plans for me , no matter how traumatic and diar my circumstances may seem	Jun 20, 2012 3:23 AM
462	I am able to focus on my faith 100% and think about ways of supporting Christian and non Christian friends. I can avoid temptations that occur in relationships.	Jun 20, 2012 3:14 AM
463	I have faith that God will lead me to the right husband one day whereas my single friends will move from one man to another just hoping the next will be the right one. I have God to get me through each day.	Jun 20, 2012 2:47 AM
464	I know that God is whom full-fills me not a man. Therefore I'm not hindered by the depression that may accompany nonchristian singles as they don't have God in their life. I'm not ruled and governed by how I feel as I walk in the spirit where as nonchristians are always driven by how they feel. I can devote more time to God and therefore take my mind off other things.	Jun 20, 2012 2:32 AM
465	I've less stress about finding a partner than my non-Christian friends, as I know that life won't always look like we would choose it to this side of eternity. For those who don't know this, I think there's more pressures that I feel. My church is also a good place for singles.	Jun 19, 2012 3:26 PM
466	even though I am single, I believe that it just a state in my life journey as it gives me more time to focus on God and develop a better relationship with him. I also believe that God can use your singleness as a means of preparation for marriage as he works on moulding you into the person that he wants you to be.	Jun 19, 2012 3:03 PM
467	Jesus keeps us in-line, so that we try not to get involved with the opposite sex to lead us not into temptation. No night clubbing till all hours of the morning, no drinking to get tipsy or drunk! Pray and read the Word, so we can have more of Jesus and less of ourselves. Old has gone, and the new has come. We were there once, but Jesus chose a rech like me?	Jun 19, 2012 2:50 PM
468	Prayer can be spontaneous - night or day. I can spend as much time in Bible study as I wish I can go up to the beach whenever and for as long as I wish (work permitting of course!) Waking up at weekends with a blank canvas to play with.	Jun 19, 2012 2:38 PM
469	With regard to relationship issues in general (romantic and otherwise) I don't find that I am much different to friends and acquaintences, Christian or non-Christian. I work from home alone, so I socialise through dancing - modern jive, etc. I thought that I might well find a nice partner through this as it is very popular and you can meet a lot of people through it, however I found (like some other men) that a lot of ladies have attachments, and it is very difficult in practice to find somebody who is not too young, too old, too distant, unavailable, unattractive, or uninterested in me. The only thing that sets me apart from non-Christians is my sustaining relationship with God, connection to church and a Christian perspective on life.	Jun 19, 2012 2:17 PM
470	I think I worry about it a lot more. They tend to have more relationships, it's less 'all or nothing' for them, and things are less serious between them and boys than it would be between me and a boy, which takes the pressure off them (but also means relationships are less likely to lead to marriage, which I	Jun 19, 2012 1:58 PM

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	wouldn't like, I'd much rather not have a boyfriend til I meet the person I will marry).	
471	I'm not sure I have any non-Christian single friends! I have some single work colleagues. I don't feel I have to go out to get drunk or drink to have a good time as it sometimes may seem they do; but I don't know them well enough to say whether they have to either. I don't feel the need to compete or play a part but that could be age related. When bad things happen, or negative thoughts threaten I know that I am a loved child of God and can immediately cry out to Him for help, I don't need to complain or bad mouth anybody. God is so wonderful, when you meet a bunch of Christians who know that too you can relax! Rest! Who would want to be anywhere else but in those arrrrrrms of love. BUT! oh for some fleshy arms too.....sometimes.....but only if they're the right ones. Thanks for asking.	Jun 19, 2012 1:58 PM
472	Having peace and reassurance that God is with me, walking with me, listening to my prayers and unveiling his plan for my life. Whereas my non christain friends lack a lot of peace in this area	Jun 19, 2012 1:00 PM
473	I suppose that I still hope that God has someone in mind for me and so most of the time I am content to wait. Some of my friends actively pursue relationships, which are not always good choices, just to be with someone because they are lonely or need to feel that someone finds them attractive or because they 'need to get laid'. I know God has a purpose for my life whether I am single or not and that (most of the time) it stops the loneliness; some of my single non-christian friends are very lonely.	Jun 19, 2012 1:00 PM
474	Apart from an attempt to try to encourage me I don't see how this data is going to help you with your service to single Christians. Joining a Christian network does not mean I can't see what isn't great about my life.	Jun 19, 2012 12:52 PM
475	No longer have to put up with a man who pretended to be a Christian but wasn't. I am sure this applies to the behavior of other people within so-called Christian marriages.	Jun 19, 2012 12:37 PM
476	I don't have any single non christian friends as they are all in relationships, but I guess I have peace about life, a contentment with who I am in Jesus and know where I am going. I have more focus and belief about what I want to do next.	Jun 19, 2012 12:35 PM
477	As a Christian I have my Church family around me and loads of friends so that is good. However, as I get older there are more of them now marrying and having children so changing their priorities. I am very fortunate though to have so many great friends.	Jun 19, 2012 11:19 AM
478	The enduring hope of a life lived with God. Trust that God has a plan for me and that He knows what is best for me.	Jun 19, 2012 10:24 AM
479	I don't have any non-Christian single friends, but one friend now in a relationship used to be single and she positively enjoyed that time in her life!	Jun 18, 2012 1:57 PM
480	I know that my father in heaven is the author of my life and although I may be lonely at times I know he is right their feeling exactly what I feel. His timing is the best timing. Single or not God's will is paramount, I don't believe for a second that life should stand still for single people, but a time to grow. I have used this time of singleness to better my education, whilst offer my home to children how have know home of their own. But I believe this is a	Jun 18, 2012 12:22 PM

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	season. Just like the season of marriage will be another chapter of life. I feel it is important to discover intimacy and togetherness with Jesus first, yes single life is not a bed of roses, but companionship with Christ is my privilege. Friends that are non Christians, chose short relationships that do not honour the principles of God, hence casual sex, multiple partners. I feel safe being a single person in the lord.	
481	My church is a great community of marrieds, families and singles which I love being a part of. Non-christian single friends don't always have that same close community.	Jun 18, 2012 8:33 AM
482	I can choose to work at the hours which suit me without having to fit around other people's schedules. Since I currently have two jobs and a PhD to write, this is really important for me. It also means that I can focus on my ministry at church without having to compromise that to support someone else's ministry. I also think it makes my ministry more effective - my tolerance for chatting about children and nappies is very low, so when I'm working with married women and mothers, we do focus much more on ourselves and our spiritual lives, rather than what little Timmy is doing.	Jun 18, 2012 3:17 AM
483	Not falling into temptation or worldly distractions due to my faith or the drama of what I see them go through in their dating relationships.	Jun 17, 2012 3:57 PM
484	Spending loads of time with God and knowing that He has my future and my heart desires in His hands. It will come to pass. He has great things in my future! I hold on to that and I will continue to wait for God's best for me.	Jun 17, 2012 2:42 PM
485	I don't think there are any differences.	Jun 17, 2012 12:03 PM
486	I have God and my faith to trust in. I have my ministry to help me along and verses from the bible to give me strength and hope.	Jun 17, 2012 7:16 AM
487	Have intimacy with God which non-Christian friends don't so their need for a partner seems more urgent. Have more contentedness as a result of relationship with God and the peace that God knows best in my circumstances. Have the power of God in my life to help me not get into wrong relationships. Also have church and Christian friends for support. Don't feel my self esteem is based on having a partner.	Jun 16, 2012 12:35 PM
488	freedom to do what i want when i want including going round to see other christian friends at their houses	Jun 16, 2012 8:24 AM
489	I have God with me all of my time. He is my rock on whom I depend and to whom I cling. My faith is the basis of my life. I cannot imagine life outside of God's care. My friends have nothing.	Jun 16, 2012 7:59 AM
490	I have Hope that God knows the plans he has for me and if they include marriage, I trust Him to bring the right person along. I have Peace as I wait, knowing that He cares.	Jun 16, 2012 7:32 AM
491	I am please that I do not have the pressure to have casual relationships anymore. I have a sense of knowing hope that God will provide, he is just getting me ready in the meantime.	Jun 16, 2012 2:24 AM
492	At least I have God, and I know that He has a plan for me even if I don't know that that is and it may not be what I want. He knows best (even though that is sometimes hard to accept).	Jun 16, 2012 1:33 AM

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493	Knowing God the Father is with me, protecting, guiding & looking after me in every way. God provides my every need & supplies all I need in abundance. I have complete Faith & Hope in his perfect timing & wait on his pre-determined will for my life with patience!	Jun 16, 2012 1:31 AM
494	Being in full time employment; having a very close and supportive relationship with my grown up children and do a lot of things together; good relationship with my siblings and do a lot together. My strong faith/relationship with God and that dependency on Him makes me strong; the belief that He will provide a husband for me according to his plans/purpose for my life gives me hope.	Jun 15, 2012 2:00 PM
495	As Christian, I am better able to deal with some situations that crop up in my life, and I have loving children, which helps to take some of the pressure off me	Jun 15, 2012 1:45 PM
496	Knowing God is always there Knowing my life still has purpose and direction even though I'm not in the place I'd like to be in terms of a relationship Less pressure from friends to just go out and meet anyone	Jun 15, 2012 1:08 PM
497	I at least have hope in Jesus and the promise that He will give me the desire of my heart.	Jun 15, 2012 10:29 AM
498	As a Christian I have God as my focus in life and non-Christians don't. As a consequence I feel encouraged to be who I am in Christ which means I have a good sense of self-esteem, I try new things, I stick my neck out and apply for jobs in other parts of the city as I have no ties, I take on training because I can decide how to use my money and I make plans for myself. I believe that my confidence comes from being a Christian. On the other hand I do want someone to share my life and make decisions with but I believe that will happen if and when it's right timing. When I was younger I was consumed with being married and particularly having children. Now in my 40's I see a journey and marriage may or may not be at the end of it but my happiness is not tied to marriage. Whereas non-Christians seem to be constantly concerned about finding a partner and having children and not liking to be described as single as it is seen as inferior and therefore will stay with a partner just not to be seen as single. The difference between Christian and non-Christian singles is God focus and following God's will while not dismissing or minimising the emotional needs of having a relationship with another human being a need we all share Christians or not.	Jun 15, 2012 9:32 AM
499	People are people whether Christian or otherwise. I am not about to spiritualise here . . .	Jun 15, 2012 9:21 AM
500	1) TIME TO PRAY, WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD 2) TIME TO READ SCRIPTURES AND MEDITATE 3) MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE	Jun 15, 2012 3:47 AM
501	Simple : I have God Who meets my every need and helps me with my struggles - they do not! In other words I will have the same struggles but the fact that I have God helps!	Jun 15, 2012 3:08 AM
502	Time for uninterrupted devotion, even in the middle of the night. I am able to attend events if I am free without having to check what the other person is saying or doing. Not thinking about going to unsavory places to get enjoyment A peace in troubled circumstances that they find hard to understand	Jun 15, 2012 2:33 AM

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503	Having a purpose in Christ keeps me going and fulfilled.	Jun 15, 2012 2:19 AM
504	I have a great family at church - they are lovely and helpful - if I need to "borrow a bloke" eg for something that involves heavy lifting etc they are always willing to help out (I often have a cuppa with their wife whilst watching them do all the heavy lifting).	Jun 14, 2012 11:03 PM
505	none	Jun 14, 2012 2:56 AM
506	My home life is very chilled and relaxed. I can spend my time as I want, lie ins at the weekend, loads of time at the gym, I can rule my own schedule	Jun 13, 2012 2:42 PM
507	When no one else is beside me, I know that God is always there.	Jun 12, 2012 5:42 PM
508	Without God i would have nothing to truly hope for... but i stand on his promises for restoration of my life and hope he will give me the blessing to use my experiences in ministry but i long for His promises to become reality in my life.	Jun 12, 2012 2:25 PM
509	Knowing that God has a plan for my life, both whether I end up marrying or not (though this is hard to remember). Knowing that waiting for the right person is God's will and knowing the choice of partner is more restricted.	Jun 12, 2012 2:03 PM
510	Yes,i do spend most of my spare time going to church and spending time in the presence of my creator(God).	Jun 12, 2012 12:42 PM
511	Much more flexibility in time available, have space for others, don;t have conflict with time with another person.	Jun 12, 2012 6:58 AM
512	I pray and talk to god like he's my husband. I want to cultivate an intimacy with him that would outweigh the love and care of any husband. (I'm not really there yet.) I have enjoyed some wonderful adventures of late abroad, trying new sports such as ice-skating and skiing which I might not have done if I were financially accountable to a partner. -Such a wonderful sense of freedom! Whereas other single people want to spend such times with someone. I enjoy prayer walking and enjoying the adventure with my Creator. I don't feel anxious any more about 'still-being- on- the -shelf' because God has promised me a rich and fulfilled life and I do believe the much desired husband is on his way, by God's grace! Even if he never showed up, life would still be worth living. Single non-Christians are often desperate to find someone. I'm going to let God do the 'finding'.	Jun 12, 2012 2:56 AM
513	Being a single christian person is easier for me than being a non-christian single, as my boundaries are clear and my expectation from a partner is definite. Being a Christian I do not believe in sex before marriage, so the time you spend with a person is more focused on getting to know them as a person and make a decision on whether you would want to spend your life with them. This is a mutual committment based on personality and characteristics which is missing as a non-christian single.	Jun 11, 2012 7:32 PM
514	I know that my faith gives me an assurance and security with God.	Jun 11, 2012 3:47 PM
515	Not having to tell someone where you are, what time you'll be home. Planning your own activities without having to check that their o.k with it first. Not having to go to his family occasions. Not having my head wrecked thinking about our relationship.	Jun 11, 2012 3:44 PM

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516	I tend to find any married christians i know spend time with other married christians. this is hard because you feel like you loose friends when they get married.	Jun 11, 2012 2:16 PM
517	There are lots of social church activities to go to. It is acceptable that I want to settle down, and only pursue serious relationships, there is no pressure to 'have fun'.	Jun 11, 2012 1:31 PM
518	When I'm in a positive frame of mind I can remind myself that God has a plan for my life and that my life can be useful to Him, if only I allow Him to use me. Self pity often stops God from being able to use me.	Jun 11, 2012 1:11 PM
519	I can move where I want, do what I want and be able to make decisions that I feel are right before God without having to take others into account. This has allowed me to focus on what I think God wants me to do without as many distractions. I don't have the same family commitments of children to ferry around etc. I don't experience the pain/frustration of relationship problems with a husband (but then I don't experience the positives of a relationship with a husband either!)	Jun 11, 2012 6:20 AM
520	I have a comfortable lifestyle as I earn a good salary. I can come and go as a please and not be accountable to anyone (but this is not always a blessing - it feels like there is no-one who is bothered on my account!).	Jun 11, 2012 12:51 AM
521	Sometimes I go to christian fuction at different churches near and fare. We have fellowship at are own church and things we can join in if we wish. Like cookery classies, keep fit, drop in computer classies, People book the rooms for all types of classies that go on for a month one day or half day a week.They are free we can singe up for these classies and many more. It is also a school of learning english, maths, classies we have to pay for them. Drop in centre for a bowl of soup and a bead roll, hot cold drink, Good place to meet lots of people from all walks of life exchanging stories. It is a communaity centre has well dealing with job shurch,getting a cv done, housing problems, forms that need filling in for all sorts of things. using the phone for local goverment offices calls. I sometimes work in the kitchen talk to people that use the centre even take them in the preay room if they need to talk or pray for them or people they care for. If I was a none christain I would not be doing these things or going many places that can help so many people in a day under one roof. It is a good way to communicate with the people from surrounding areas we are an outreach team for the community a team.	Jun 10, 2012 4:53 PM
522	The ability to make a spur of the moment descision. Having a good group of close friends in the church who are all there as support for each other. Having friends with different points of views on so many topics.	Jun 10, 2012 2:37 PM
523	As a single christian I am able to fellowship with other christians from different backgrounds. I am put in touch with young and mature christians who provide guidance and fellowship. Also I can be in the company of christian men without it being awkward as I regard them as my brothers. In comparison to my non-christian single friends I have a broader scope of contact because of church so I don't just speak to people the same age or gender but different people.	Jun 10, 2012 9:58 AM
524	I am content and God knows my needs. Also, He has a plan for me and His timing is perfect.	Jun 10, 2012 9:37 AM

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525	I feel like God has told me clearly that I will find someone again and so I have hope in that which I wouldn't as a non christian. Being widowed so incredibly young was very challenging but I doubt I would be ok if I didn't have a relationship with God.	Jun 9, 2012 4:32 PM
526	Have more time to pray and can choose what meetings/socials to attend without verifying or checking with someone else. Can choose to take time to myself more freely than those married and with families.	Jun 9, 2012 3:28 PM
527	As much as I can I try to remind myself that my value doesn't come from being part of a couple but from being God's creation, loved and cherished by him. I do feel part of a church family and network of wonderful Christian friends. I'm lucky in having other Christian single friends to share lows with.	Jun 9, 2012 1:46 PM
528	The main one I know that the Lord is with me everywhere I go, that He knows the best for me, this time of singleness has been prepared for my benefit, wether I am comfortable with it or not, I just have to be patiente	Jun 9, 2012 1:03 PM
529	Knowing God is with me so i,m not totally alone (even if i dont always see it that way!)	Jun 9, 2012 12:58 PM
530	My faith helps me by reading my bible.When I feel very low I can listen to worship music which lifts me. I also listen to dvd's/cd's which also lift me. I also know that having just come out of a relationship which was not good for me and so I know its better to wait for God's choice.	Jun 9, 2012 11:19 AM
531	Being on your own all the time can get depressing	Jun 9, 2012 6:03 AM
532	I have people at church who care about me and sometimes invite me round for meals. What I do to serve God, both at church and in other groups gives me a sense of purpose to my life. When I'm struggling with being responsible for everything in my life I can pray about it and feel that God is by my side. I get a lot of support from my House Group.	Jun 9, 2012 5:03 AM
533	I have an amazing assurance in my identity as a child of God, I am 100% sure I would not be able to cope with my singleness if I was not a Christian. My single non-christian friends (who I have very few of) probably struggle with it more than I do. I do however often have a fear that my Christianity and my singleness are linked, if I wasn't a Christian and seeking to have a Christian husband, would I still be single!?! A big 'what if' that is actually pretty irrelevant, but probably a thought that the enemy likes to magnify in my mind.	Jun 9, 2012 2:42 AM
534	I have hope in Christ	Jun 9, 2012 2:18 AM
535	Time to pursue hobbies and go out at short notice	Jun 8, 2012 8:48 PM
536	You have to listen to what God has planned for you.	Jun 8, 2012 3:43 PM
537	God is at the head of everything, but being unmarried is getting me down!	Jun 8, 2012 3:57 AM
538	I have a wide range of christian friends that I can discuss my concerns about being single. Our discussions are positive and often uplifting. I try not to spend a lot of time with people who have pity parties as these are not helpful. Over the years we have celebrated the fact that christian who have waited for partners do find one and marry and feel that this could also happen to us.	Jun 8, 2012 3:52 AM

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539	I am a very happy out Christian with no problems in our church	Jun 8, 2012 1:03 AM
540	I can pray. Jesus will go before me, He will stay with me and be by myside ALL the time.	Jun 7, 2012 10:58 PM
541	I can do what I want when I want within reason.	Jun 7, 2012 7:47 PM
542	Prayer to give companionship Church community- events at church and growing in love together	Jun 7, 2012 4:49 PM
543	i do get a sense of trust that if its meant to be God will direct someones path to cross with mine, although i may also have to be proactive. as a working class person, i have one wage which has to pay bills, asking God to be provider and to fill any gap their is from not having a partner (something which i think is a God ordained norm in society...so there will always be a tension).	Jun 7, 2012 4:03 PM
544	I have more freedom and can choose how I spend my time as I don't the commitments and responsibilites of a married person. It means for example I can go out with friends in the evening which is difficult for married people but opportunites to spend time with my friends like this are diminishing as more of enter into relationships and get married	Jun 7, 2012 2:58 PM
545	Having a relationship with God means I am never alone. More and more I am learning that God IS with me when I am alone and that I CAN trust Him to be my husband and help me with all the difficulties that arise and I don't know 'what to do'. He amazes me the way He answers my 'cry' for help every time! Losing my husband would have been impossible without being a Christian as He used (& still uses) the body of Christ to uphold me/uplift me and help me KNOW that I am permanently surrounded by helpers! Always people to meet up with - a text or a phone call away!	Jun 7, 2012 2:56 PM
546	I believe God will find me someone and that He knows how complex I am and choosy.	Jun 7, 2012 2:53 PM
547	I can't think of any	Jun 7, 2012 2:16 PM
548	I have some practical support from church friends (though in a recent period of illness some of my non-Christian friends were better at seeing what help I needed initially). Ultimately I know that God cares for me and loves me and therefore whatever season I am in is where he can work in my life and mould me into the person he wants me to become. In this period of singleness (which may or may not be permanent), he can work in me to develop character and wisdom which he wants me to use in the future. Non-Christian friends can get desperate or resort to bad relationships because they do not want to be alone and they fear the future.	Jun 7, 2012 1:58 PM
549	I feel I am less likely to be drawn into situations which are potentially dangerous or damaging now that I am a Christian	Jun 7, 2012 12:03 PM
550	I think I recognise that I am happy to be alone because I have God in my life and my single non-Christian friends seem to noticeably have that void. I think as a Christian we never really feel alone and sometimes the company of God is better than a person.	Jun 7, 2012 10:33 AM
551	I have been so busy in the last couple of years, that I've not had time to commit to serving the Lord/church in so many activities that I could and	Jun 7, 2012 6:26 AM

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	<p>should and would want to, as a single person - ie Sunday School, Kids Club, Youth Group, Street Ministry, prayer groups, home group etc etc. All these and many more that churches do to help people/further the Kingdom are the brilliant things I and I think single people as well as married people - any person, should be involved in. It's just maybe easier for single people as they have more time, however, they will also be spending their free time on perhaps socialising more with Christians & non-Christians either to compensate for not having a partner and or maybe out there looking for a partner. Either way, we should all be serving the Lord, regardless of relationship status and it's these things that we can do which our non-Christian friends won't be doing.</p>	
552	<p>Sorry, I need to add something to 25 above, before I move on to 26. It's not about whether something is 'easy' or 'difficult', because as a long term single, you get used to it. A better way of asking the question would be, how much do I mind doing all these things? 'Very difficult' being 'a lot'. Apart from being amongst married couples with children. That's difficult. In terms of positives, compared with non-Christian single friends, there is no difference. The world outside church is divided into the same social categories as that inside.</p>	Jun 7, 2012 5:07 AM
553	<p>Wake up when I please, sleep and eat what I please. I please myself all the time</p>	Jun 7, 2012 4:07 AM
554	<p>As a Christian at least I have another family, the church and a whole other group of friends, especially as I live so far away from any family. It's exciting that I have Christian friends all over the country. The other side is that because I am in full time ministry I struggle to meet those who are outside of the church and therefore it can feel quite claustrophobic at times, especially when you feel everyone is watching everyone you are with.</p>	Jun 7, 2012 4:06 AM
555	<p>Flexible</p>	Jun 6, 2012 5:17 PM
556	<p>Knowing God is in control, that living a life worthy of Jesus is worth more than an unhappy relationship for the sake of it. Being married will need to be a gain to the life I lead as a single person. Having been widowed suddenly at 30 (now 49) I am mature in my outlook, look positively on marriage but also realistically on life. I have had to grasp independence and will not want to lose the gains of special friendship for the sake of being with someone.</p>	Jun 6, 2012 3:11 PM
557	<p>You're not focused as much on finding a relationship, you have better self-esteem & self worth.</p>	Jun 6, 2012 3:04 PM
558	<p>I have a sense of purpose and can always find a positive moment to boost me along. Non-christian women tend to need other people to make them happy.</p>	Jun 6, 2012 1:39 PM
559	<p>Able to spend more time with more friends and family. Able to sleep in at the weekends as I don't have kids. Able to work full-time and earn more money.</p>	Jun 6, 2012 12:42 PM
560	<p>I think that's quite an odd question.... I suppose being part of a church gives me a greater sense of community and connection with others. Some outside the church would not have this.</p>	Jun 6, 2012 11:54 AM
561	<p>Chance to spend as much time with God as I like - when I have free time obviously. I don't feel pressured to be in a relationship - I am complete in Christ. Whereas my non-Christian single friends frequently yo-yo from one relationship to the next seeking fulfilment. That is not true for all of them,</p>	Jun 6, 2012 11:34 AM

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	some of them are very content pursuing their dreams and being single.	
562	Able to follow the Lords leading is good, I feel Non Christians have more freedom for encounters than I do, though not always a good thing. I desire Physical companionship without sex, we all need a kis & a cuddle at times. Easier to get as a non-Christian, trouble is non Christians go further.	Jun 6, 2012 10:48 AM
563	I am independant, as much as i struggle being on my own at times i also know being with someone also has its issues and i dont have a rose tinted view!i am real and practical, i enjoy being spontaneous and going out with friends(even though these are becoming less due to most getting married/having families...!!)i can be a bit selfish to a degree!	Jun 6, 2012 9:34 AM
564	I have a support group that I can go and see if needed and they give me an opportunity to help others and see that life is what you make it and to enjoy what I have.	Jun 6, 2012 9:18 AM
565	I trust and depend more on God because I have to! I am quite ferociously independent but made quite inappropriate concessions in the last two relationships I was in in the last ten years and God has shown me clearly where I went wrong and I feel sure I won't do that again. I know I am not alone, and rarely feel lonely when I am by myself whereas my non-Christian friends can feel horrifically lonely and are desperate to find someone, and often do and it doesn't work out, and they split up and start again. I'm so relieved I don't need to find someone. God is enough.	Jun 6, 2012 8:39 AM
566	positives day to day for me, is start work, after go home I like so much read book and read the biblia every day, too I going to english class every day fall time in the night I goin for my book in bed this one is the week on saturday I go to the home church and on sunday I go to church where I enjoy so much praise and song the cristian.	Jun 6, 2012 7:25 AM
567	Having a very wide circle of friends who I keep in close contact with Opportunities to travel and do lots of activities that might not be possible if I were married Less responsiibilities i.e. of having children, joint responsibilitiies etc. Enjoying a demanding job (might not be so easy with family) Enjoy living on my own - own space, tidiness! etc. but sure I could adapt if called for in the future	Jun 6, 2012 5:18 AM
568	I couldn't do it without God! I have a very supportive family. My parent's and one sister live within walking distance and are also Christians. Speak to them or see them most days. I have a couple of single friends, but they have children. They do understand though. I think all but one of my non-christian friends are in relationships	Jun 6, 2012 5:17 AM
569	My faith and relationship with Jesus helps me to not be in a relationship just because I'm lonely as many do but helps me to be contented to some extent whilst waiting for the right partner.	Jun 6, 2012 5:15 AM
570	knowing that I've got God to rely on, so I have someone to fall back on. the sense of family that you get in a church	Jun 6, 2012 5:13 AM
571	I know that God has someone specific for me, and trusting that He will provide him for me.	Jun 6, 2012 3:43 AM
572	I know that there are people at church I can turn to when feeling very lonely, but often pride gets in the way. Or it's at Bank Holidays when I assume that	Jun 6, 2012 3:24 AM

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	families want to do things on their own.	
573	Time for yourself & what you wish to pursue	Jun 6, 2012 2:28 AM
574	It used to feel better. I felt that my church life gave a lot of emotional support. I'm not feeling that right now.	Jun 6, 2012 1:50 AM
575	More opportunity to become closer to God in quietness and meditate on bible readings. Feeling the Holy Spirit and the peace of God during difficult times and a deeper warmth when viewing God's creation. Living alone but not alone.	Jun 6, 2012 1:26 AM
576	I have Gods love. Life is more together with the Holy Spirits guidance.	Jun 5, 2012 11:56 PM
577	Knowing that god has a plan for me, and whether that involves marriage it not, it will be awesome. I trust him. Doesn't mean I don't fi d it hard, but its always exciting to see where god can take me. I have more social events to go to.	Jun 5, 2012 11:24 PM
578	I am 35. I have no single friends now and I have 90% friends have young children. I cannot answer what it's like for others as I am only single Christian.	Jun 5, 2012 10:58 PM
579	Positives - freedom of choice in many things. I am able to make the most of things & enjoy them. Negatives/difficulties - no companion @ home, feel as though I must be a bit weird (all normal people have partners), my younger sisters & cousins are married & settled with children.	Jun 5, 2012 5:02 PM
580	independence, self worth, and knowing yourself, without another forcing ideals upon my personality.	Jun 5, 2012 4:59 PM
581	I can commit to helping at youth group every week without upsetting anyone. I can invite and entertain freinds without having to consult and accomodate another i can slob when I want to	Jun 5, 2012 4:57 PM
582	God's got it under control. OK, so I might be single forever and never get to work out my plans, but God's plans are better than mine.	Jun 5, 2012 4:55 PM
583	I'm unsure	Jun 5, 2012 4:23 PM
584	I have God to talk to and trust, although I do find it hard to believe that He loves me as much as He says He does when He doesn't answer my prayer for a mate. I have to forgive my ex for his adultery whereas my non christian friends dont have to but it doesnt do them any good not to try and forgive. I have people to pray with and pray for me and some prayers do get answered. I have fellowship and a social life of sorts with people I've met through church. I get guidance on how to live. Non christians don't have these things in the same way.	Jun 5, 2012 3:48 PM
585	Freedom to serve and spend time with lots of other people and persue interests.	Jun 5, 2012 3:18 PM
586	I know that God has a plan for my life and I am much happier when I follow God's plan than my own machinations. I also have good friends at church whom I can rely on!	Jun 5, 2012 3:14 PM
587	Each day is my own so I can use my time for me. Getting ready for work in	Jun 5, 2012 2:59 PM

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	the mornings doesn't involve sharing the bathroom.	
588	I know very few non Christian singles, virtually everyone has partner. The few I do know seem to have more fun as more acceptable to go drinking, dancing. Nothing locally for single Christians like that.	Jun 5, 2012 2:48 PM
589	I think it's much more difficult being a single Christian than a single non-Christian, as the fishing pond is very much smaller and the temptation to fish in the other pond is very strong.	Jun 5, 2012 2:43 PM
590	i have hope and Gods constant companionship. I know that he has a perfect plan for my life. I hope that will include a husband and maybe children, but I also know that if its not, His love and support will enable me to cope and even flourish. Because of my faith I dont choose messy short-term relationships or one night stands, which avoids a lot of stress and hurt in the long run.	Jun 5, 2012 2:40 PM
591	To be honest all my Christian friends are married and alot of people I thought were friends turned out to be acquaintances. Divorce sure does show you who your true friends are and alot of those have turned out to not be Christians especially the single ones. Therefore at this moment in time I cannot see major differences between my single non-Christian friend's lives and mine except the obvious.	Jun 5, 2012 2:37 PM
592	Time to do stuff regarding church / ministry.	Jun 5, 2012 2:27 PM
593	Less responsibility and more freedom/independence. Ability to choose life choices alone.	Jun 5, 2012 2:05 PM
594	I am more likely to commit to 'one person' rather than have lots of relationships which will guard me against emotional harm. I am less likely to sleep around and sexually compromise myself as I am a child of God and know full well that I am loved unconditionally, therefore I am not specifically looking for a quick fix for false and selfish temporary love. However, I still have sexual desires so this is a struggle for me and my non-Christian friends really don't understand why I protect myself in the way I do from getting involved with guys to satisfy my desires. I know that when I get married I will be devoted to him and God alone because I will not be comparing him to other men or previous relationships. Many of my non-Christian friends cannot say this as they have had numerous relationships / one night stands. This lifestyle I have chosen is a 'statement of my faith' to my non-Christian friends.	Jun 5, 2012 2:03 PM
595	I have God's peace and the companionship of His spirit. I can talk to Him about my problems and praise/worship lifts my spirits. I know that in all things He works for good to me and so trust this time alone is for my good. Most of the time I am quite contented.	Jun 5, 2012 2:00 PM
596	it is just the grace of God, for people that are non-christian and marrige you find that the relationship is always in problem because there is no God. when you are christian and marrige yo find peace,happines.	Jun 5, 2012 1:49 PM
597	My happiness does not depend on my singleness or otherwise. I do not have to compete with any other singles, or others. I am not under any pressure to 'perform' or 'prove' my attractiveness to others because my completeness is in God alone.	Jun 5, 2012 1:45 PM

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598	We get support from our brothers & sisters in Christ, we have a hope, and we have Jesus	Jun 5, 2012 1:40 PM
599	Provides more choices, but less company and no one who has you as their priority (on earth that is!)	Jun 5, 2012 1:28 PM
600	Knowing I rely on God moment by moment and that when friends/people let me down, He NEVER does. I am sorry for non Christians who don't have that relationship with Jesus to rely on through good and bad times	Jun 5, 2012 1:20 PM
601	I know that God is walking with me and can see how my singleness has made it possible for me to do many things that would have been difficult otherwise, things I believe God was asking me to do.	Jun 5, 2012 1:11 PM
602	Time to devote to prayer. Sense of God being in charge and it will sort itself out.	Jun 5, 2012 12:42 PM
603	I guess that I have my fellow single Christians to hang out with and support each other, we're good friends and I enjoy spending time with them.	Jun 5, 2012 12:31 PM
604	I enjoy being single as it gives me structure and purpose. Naturally being human I would have rather that my life be structured and purposeful in a loving relationship or marriage. But where there's hope there is life and where there is life there is always a way.	Jun 5, 2012 12:27 PM
605	having guy and girls who are friends and the fact that I am only responsible for myself and my relationship with God.	Jun 5, 2012 12:06 PM
606	I have some confidence in God, some control over my life, some say over the development of 'ministry'.	Jun 5, 2012 11:53 AM
607	SPENDING TIME WITH OUR LORD AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD SHARING THE THINGS THAT OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US DAY IN AND DAY OUT (AMEN) AND BEING AROUND NON CHRISTIAN FRIENDS THEY RESPECT ME FOR WHO I AM A CHILD OF GOD AND I RESPECT THEM FOR THE CHOICE THEY TOOK AND WILL ALWAYS SPEAK WITH THEM ABOUT THE GOD I SERVE (AMEN)	Jun 5, 2012 11:46 AM
608	Not sure any positives - I have more guilt than they do, and am more confused because faith isn't easy. They (the non-Christians) think I have massive positives because I believe God exists and gives meaning to life after death. ... they don't see the doubts and the difficulties and the sense of failure because I don't feel grace....	Jun 5, 2012 11:21 AM
609	I don't feel being a Christian makes it any easier for me than for my non Christian single friends. I know the knowledge that God is 'with me' should help but in reality it doesn't diminish my loneliness or the hard work of being a single mum	Jun 5, 2012 11:18 AM
610	Finding a partner does not feel like the sole purpose of my life I've got God that I can depend on Men in the church are available to help with practical things at home	Jun 5, 2012 11:13 AM
611	I get time alone with God, usually every morning, I can attend any meeting I want providing I can get there (no car). I have whomever I like as my friend, go out when I want to, come home when I want to. I don't have to consult anyone to make a decision about what I can do.	Jun 5, 2012 11:08 AM

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612	I think that the main positive of being a Christian is knowing God and having a personal relationship with Jesus. Being able to turn to Him when I need help. Having an intimate relationship that can't be taken away and one which gives me hope, love and joy. But I'd say that is true for all non-Christians married or single!	Jun 5, 2012 10:59 AM
613	I understand that GOD has a plan and purpose and can step in at any time and change things. In a moment it can all be different.	Jun 5, 2012 10:52 AM
614	I do feel as if God is always there for me, but it would still be nice to have a close friendship or a relationship.	Jun 5, 2012 10:47 AM
615	hope	Jun 5, 2012 10:36 AM
616	being able to take a long weekend holiday when I want	Jun 5, 2012 10:36 AM
617	I am free to act how I feel God would want me to. I am free to help people and give advice to family as I feel led.	Jun 5, 2012 10:36 AM
618	- Less responsibility - Less arguments! - I don't have to compromise on holiday destinations :)	Jun 5, 2012 10:29 AM
619	I get on well it's non Christian friends and I have a lot of Christian friends also	Jun 5, 2012 10:18 AM
620	Freedom	Jun 5, 2012 10:02 AM
621	Ha ha having nothing in common anymore.	Jun 5, 2012 9:59 AM
622	- time to pray without interruption - full focus on my relationship with God : no distractions.	Jun 5, 2012 9:58 AM
623	I don't know what is in other people's thoughts so could not possibly answer	Jun 5, 2012 7:49 AM
624	God as number one. My faith is very strong because of it.	Jun 5, 2012 5:26 AM
625	I know I am never alone as the Lord is with me. I have hope, security, support, lots of things to do, I am loved.	Jun 4, 2012 6:06 PM
626	Each day I find encouragement from God,	Jun 4, 2012 4:24 PM
627	the sunshine the independence and that's it.	Jun 4, 2012 12:15 PM
628	Not sure what the adjective 'day-to-day' means in this question - i.e. how is 'day-to-day life' different from 'life'? I think churches (and other places of worship I expect, though I've never been to a mosque, synagogue so cannot compare) are good places to meet new friends, and a good jumping off point for getting involved in the wider community - I think perhaps this might be more difficult for people who don't feel comfortable in a place of worship (whether christian or not).	Jun 4, 2012 10:59 AM
629	Main positive is my time is my own. I recognise that having children can be stressful and tiring.	Jun 4, 2012 6:33 AM
630	I know I am not alone, as I have Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, friend, lover of my Soul. I have a church community where I feel accepted and I can belong.	Jun 4, 2012 4:23 AM

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631	As a Christian, if I'm at events where there's a single Christian guy, and we get talking, then the question of sleeping together on the first (or any!) date is removed, which I see as a plus.	Jun 4, 2012 2:19 AM
632	God gives me jobs to do. As a single man I could pass the time fairly easy by keeping myself busy with His mission etc. It's just the end of really good or really bad when you want a partner there to reflect with that it's a struggle	Jun 3, 2012 3:45 PM
633	Christianity gives me the hope of meeting someone. My non-christian single friends seem ok though as they have been single for most of their adult life so they are used to it. I find it hard because this is the first time in my adult life I have been single. Faith helps me through the toughest times though. If I wasn't a Christian I think I would be in a worse position now	Jun 3, 2012 2:33 PM
634	What positives? What non Christian single friends? Impossible to compare Christian to non Christian as world's apart in every way. Like comparing light with darkness.	Jun 3, 2012 1:11 PM
635	Much easier to make friends when part of a church, especially in inner London. Those friends with families also make more effort to include me. It is possible to develop relationships without having an agenda for marriage etc. Wider range of friendships are possible.	Jun 3, 2012 10:54 AM
636	I don't believe that singleness is different according to whether or not you are a Christian	Jun 3, 2012 10:29 AM
637	I don't feel I have to fill my life with chasing after the latest gadgets or else chasing after a 'significant other'. I find I am free to be content and not under pressure to be constantly hankering after something/someone. I don't feel the need to 'fill' some 'void' within me with distraction e.g. video games or alcohol.	Jun 3, 2012 7:05 AM
638	Having a community to be part of, people to pray with and talk with.	Jun 3, 2012 6:34 AM
639	I really relish the uninterrupted space that I know my married friends - especially those with kids - do not have. Whether it is prayer, reading, writing, thinking, I can go far more deeply. Going off on retreats I am not 'abandoning' anyone / responsibilities or in feeling (or feeling I ought to feel) guilty at putting God before 'significant others'. I have huge amounts of flexibility, including also to do things at the drop of a hat, when needs arise (though I do NOT welcome last minute requests to do baby-sitting!!). Sometimes I can be a useful 'adult' to have around in various events or organising or whatever, not having to look out for anyone else. I have also found that I can offer a gift of hospitality, and also of holy listening / spiritual friendship of people coming to my house for a Good Listening-to, which I don't think I could do if I did not live alone.	Jun 3, 2012 6:22 AM
640	Completion. Sense of worth in God's eyes. Knowledge of God's love. Church fellowship.	Jun 3, 2012 6:05 AM
641	I am much more free to be able to do things in the church than I was before. This helps me to 'give back' for the support I have received, the love I have received from friends at church. Going through the separation and divorce would have been a lot harder without their support. God gives us our church family for times like these!	Jun 2, 2012 5:52 PM
642	I have a family that is there for me that is comprised of both other singles	Jun 2, 2012 4:27 PM

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	and also families. I am encouraged to follow God's call on my life and supported in that.	
643	I have God so Im never really alone. Also I am part of the church family so never short of company, and surrounded by families and children due to my job as children and families minister.	Jun 2, 2012 3:58 PM
644	I am free to allow God, church and my ministry to completely take over my life and my house. I can go to as many church meeting a week as i like and allow the church youth and children's resources to take over my house.	Jun 2, 2012 1:30 PM
645	I think being single is difficult full stop.	Jun 2, 2012 12:09 PM
646	there ian't any just the same	Jun 2, 2012 12:00 PM
647	don't have to consider other family members. can make own decisions and do what i want, when i want to. can go to conferences, retreats, church services without having to account for my movements and reasons.	Jun 2, 2012 10:51 AM
648	at this age i feel it is important to have what God intended us to have it is not good for me to be alone ... specialy this times im going through cancer treatment being on my own my background is south african . lonely nights ...where i had cried and wish there has been sombody that would have said it ok even if your hair has fallen out your eyebrows and eye lashes gone your still beautiful..	Jun 2, 2012 3:50 AM
649	I think (generally) I am more confident in knowing I am loved an where my value is that for non Christian singles who possibly feel more pressure to be in a relationship and find love from a relationship	Jun 2, 2012 2:25 AM
650	Well I have God and so he is my source of Joy. I think it would be hard for a non-believer to journey this path in their own strength. I have a great home group largely singles and so we journey together which also helps.	Jun 2, 2012 12:44 AM
651	i feel god comforts me when i feel down, i feel my life still has a purpose, i dont complain as much as those who do not believe in god, i feel things can be resolved in a space of one day, i feel god is a good of miracles,	Jun 1, 2012 6:06 PM
652	I know God is with me to see me on my way and I have hope that one day I may no longer be single.	Jun 1, 2012 2:39 PM
653	i don't understand the point of this question. why is this a legitimate comaparison ? I just get on with life..marriage is not a birth-right or some type of entitlement, i don't spend my time be-moaning my singleness	Jun 1, 2012 12:49 PM
654	Although i am single, I know I am not alone. The LoRD is always with me and I know I can trust Him for the future. He brings meaning and purpose o my life and I know that whatever happens He will watch over me as He has done so far. I was once encouraged to view time alone as solitude not loneliness; i.e. in a positive light. I do try to do this but I don't always manage it!	Jun 1, 2012 11:48 AM
655	For me I know that God is sovereign whatever happens, whether I meet someone or not etc, knowing that I have a sure purpose and value whether I am single or married and therefore easier for us to be content. As a Christian I also know that I am part of God's family and therefore have ultimate belonging and whole identity in Christ. However, for non-christians who	Jun 1, 2012 11:01 AM

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	desire to be with someone but are single it is difficult for them to be content, feel they belong, have purpose etc.	
656	I know im saved and I know im moving forward in my relationship with jesus I try to keep looking forwards and not back and my past I know God will provide in his time,	Jun 1, 2012 10:01 AM
657	I think I'm happier and more comfortable in my singleness than non-Christian single friends, though we all seem to go through phases. I think my faith maybe gives me more life purpose than non-Christian friends.	Jun 1, 2012 1:19 AM
658	I know God is very faithful, unchanging, a Rock. He knows me better than I do, knows the deepest places within me, and my deepest longings. He knows the worst about me, whether I'm aware (yet!) or not; He still loves me! I have to remind myself it's His timing, and to trust He knows me best, who I would be best for and who would be best for me. That is far from easy when I'm struggling with it.	May 31, 2012 3:50 PM
659	Having serving God as the main purpose in life	May 31, 2012 1:42 PM
660	I am trusting in God and his timing and know that my life and future is in his hands. I find that comforting when I am struggling with being single.	May 31, 2012 12:36 PM
661	I am not ruled by my sexuality,my sense of worth is not dependent on who I am with but on the God who loves me immrnsely.I have something o look forward to in the life to come. I am nor he'll bent ob enjoying every minute in thus life because I understand that it will all work out for my good, thisis very reassuring.	May 31, 2012 12:16 PM
662	Can have quiet time when and for ever long I want. i can really spend quality time with friends and much adored niece and nephew. If I had children of my own I would have less time with them	May 31, 2012 10:18 AM
663	I dont have anyboby to make home feel less than home ,but I still have to co-operate with my ex over the children, so I am not completely free	May 31, 2012 6:35 AM
664	All my non Christian friends are married. I don't think there are any positives to being single, especially when you have been looking for years. I think you reach a certain age and it gets harder to find someone. My church has ladies nights and mens nights, what is the use of that? How am I supposed to find someone if we are being segregated? They don't have any social functions for 20-40's single people to meet, it is all about families. I maybe could try another church, but living in a remote rural spot it would mean a hefty commute. I do enjoy my church, but I don't think any of them understand about being single. Times have changed, it is so difficult to meet someone, especially in the faith. I wish they did more social events which would attract other young people from other churches or the wider community. It could be anything form cinema, pub, bowling, sports, quiz night, live band, dance or even a speed dating event? When you live rurally it is doubly hard as most churches are stuck in an old ethos. I can't travel to Birmingham for a speed dating evening, which you sometimes advertise. I just wish they would stop segregating us-and allow singles to engage.	May 30, 2012 4:07 PM
665	Not being answerable to anyone else gives me the freedom to be impulsive and take opportunities as they arise.	May 30, 2012 3:37 PM
666	This is a difficult one, because what I see as the positives, the 'world' or my	May 30, 2012 3:36 PM

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	non Christian single friends would see as negatives. I know a large number of single people, male and female, and they all have 'partners' either living with them, or otherwise, and most of them think I am weird because they think I should be hanging off someone's arm. My sexuality is occasionally scrutinized, and I have now worked a stock phrase in order to stick up for myself. However the main positive is that I certainly do not feel the pressure to 'find' someone as do my non-Christian single friends.	
667	When loneliness sets in we have Christ to turn to. Also generally, we have good relationships with Christian friends with whom we can pray... i.e a support network. It's very tempting to turn away from a virtuous lifestyle and join the parties, 'fun' that non Christian singles have and having 'real' Christian friendships keeps us accountable, responsible... our Christian friends are able to counsel us - I don't think they (married or single), realise their value. It's hard to make big decisions on your own and having a strong church network acts as a lighthouse in the dark.	May 30, 2012 1:35 PM
668	Prayer	May 30, 2012 8:29 AM
669	Don't really know how it differs--no-one to bicker with or be critical, but this can be double edged as the companionship makes up for it	May 30, 2012 5:33 AM
670	Choices--where to go, what & when to eat, what to watch on television!	May 30, 2012 3:28 AM
671	I can bring the children up w/ my values	May 29, 2012 2:08 PM
672	I don't have the pressure of needing to be 'out on the pull'. My Christian friends accept me as I am whereas my non Christian friends in the past have made a point of accepting or inviting me 'despite' being on my own	May 29, 2012 12:58 PM
673	My faith keeps my mind peaceful, i tend to think that my friends without faith have chaotic minds/thoughts	May 29, 2012 10:34 AM
674	I only have 1 single non Christian friend. I would say that overall I am far more positive, content and happy with my life. I don't suffer with the loneliness and isolation problems she does. I am not bitter over past relationships or jealous of those who are in them.	May 29, 2012 7:36 AM
675	i have my faith to rely on	May 29, 2012 7:19 AM
676	I have friends I can just go round and call on any time which may not be the case for non christian singles	May 29, 2012 12:39 AM
677	my belief / trust in God and knowing i always have God means i never truly feel alone. God never lets his children down nor deserts his children so that keeps me grounded and i feel safe	May 28, 2012 7:57 PM
678	Have purpose/ direction in my life. Don't feel I have to live for the here and now. Have more meaningful relationships with my christian friends.	May 28, 2012 2:05 PM
679	time tables are as you want noone to consider, can socialise with christian singles men and woman without being accused of infidelity.(depends who your last partner was like)without hanky panky just good friendship.you see i've been on both sides of the fence thats the way the world is complete almost immorality.	May 28, 2012 1:48 PM
680	In that in the trials of being a single christian that I can rely on a god who is there	May 28, 2012 4:31 AM

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	all the time regardless of whether with friends or not	
681	For me personally, though this is not true of all my single Christian friends it means that I am not jumping from relationship to relationship looking for someone to 'complete' me. I am hoping to meet a man whom I can serve God with. My non-Christian friends (and some Christian ones) use their singleness for deep selfishness and self gratification. Day by day I learn to love and trust God more, be generous with what I have and to be a goof friend. These will all be excellent qualities if I am to marry some day. Rather than having spent years becoming more and more selfish.	May 28, 2012 3:12 AM
682	That there is fulfillment in the things I do - and that I know I'm already experiencing the best love that is possible	May 28, 2012 2:35 AM
683	I know my friend Jesus is with me on a day-to-day basis and I can share everything (good and bad) with him.	May 27, 2012 8:39 AM
684	I have more free time to pursue my own interests and more money to spend as I would like to.	May 27, 2012 3:04 AM
685	I have the Lord.	May 26, 2012 3:16 PM
686	I am never alone, I always have Christ with me. However I would feel happier with dedicated female company at times.	May 26, 2012 2:20 PM
687	I have God, what more is there to say.	May 26, 2012 1:04 PM
688	I can do exactly as I please, go where I like. eat what I like.	May 26, 2012 8:17 AM
689	I can spend time alone with God. I know I have an eternal destiny and day to day life has meaning, being an ongoing walk with God, it can just be a lonely and frustrating one at times. Non-Christian friends have nothing more than their hobbies, interests and responsibilities with little sense of a deeper meaning to life. I can see a change in my heart as the Holy Spirit works in me, I'm not simply being moulded by life's experiences in the haphazard way that non-believers might be. There's a meaning I can see in every trial and difficulty - an opportunity for God to work. Trouble is I often see my singleness as my own fault, perhaps being God's chastisement for past behaviour.	May 26, 2012 6:20 AM
690	I can trust that our loving, sovereign, God is in control, and whether I'm single or not He is loving and Good, and has good plans and purposes for me. Our life is about more than just our marital status. I am defined by my relationship with God first and foremost, not by my relationship status. I can know God's loving comfort when I struggle with being single, He is not impartial to our pain and longings.	May 26, 2012 3:31 AM
691	The way I order my life...i.e. God, Family, Friends	May 25, 2012 4:16 PM
692	I don't have to report to anyone if I want to go to the pub or hang out with others there is no one else to consider!	May 25, 2012 2:10 PM
693	at least I have the support of a wide church family that I see regularly and are a support - I also work for a Christian charity which is like a whole other church family	May 25, 2012 1:53 PM
694	I don't have many friends who are both non-Christian and single to make the	May 25, 2012 1:31 PM

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	comparison. I certainly have a sense of being called to singleness, at least at the moment, so even if it's tough at times I have that to fall back on as a support.	
695	I can make so many of my own choices, I am independent & have freedom which they don't have to some extent. I am free to pursue God to a greater degree.	May 25, 2012 10:48 AM
696	I believe without my faith in Christ I would find being a single person much more difficult. Having faith gives me hope that God is in control of my past/present & future, unbelievers don't have this assurance.	May 25, 2012 10:36 AM
697	I can make time to pray for some time. I can live more or less as I like, under God. I have been able to go abroad for Christian reasons, i.e. Africa, Israel.	May 25, 2012 10:11 AM
698	Don't have the pressure to go out and have a one-night-stand - the notches on my bedpost aren't part of my self-esteem. Despite all the problems I have with them, my church is family, companionship. Above all, there's Jesus! All the other differences are meaningless in the face of this one.	May 25, 2012 9:15 AM
699	I'm chronically ill and hate other people having to see the effects of my illness on me. At the moment I can hide in my room on my own when I'm at my worst and don't have to worry about, or feel guilty about, the implications of my illness on a partner.	May 25, 2012 8:35 AM
700	No regrets re possible past relationships/sexual intimacy. Less pressure (in some ways) to be in a couple, because Christian friends realise that there just aren't many Christian guys around to choose from!	May 25, 2012 7:26 AM
701	Ministry. Most evenings during the week I can invest in discipleship / ministry in a variety of contexts. Some of my newly married friends find it hard finding a devotional rythm so that can be better too.	May 25, 2012 7:09 AM
702	I know God's got a plan for my future, and it's more amazing than I could imagine. My fulfilment doesn't have to come from a man or my relationship status. I can be hopeful and satisfied as I am. (Though I would like to be married, and believe God has promised it will happen one day)	May 25, 2012 6:49 AM
703	freedom to come and go as the holy spirit directs	May 25, 2012 6:27 AM
704	There is only one sentence to say. I am with God (that's all I need.)< That is the positive (the overall positive)	May 25, 2012 5:10 AM
705	I like to remain accountable for what I do, say and where I go. I have very little interest in ungodly things, this give me an intimacy with God my Father that is second to non; a sense of value, purpose and a future	May 25, 2012 4:47 AM
706	I know and trust that God has a plan for my life, it may not be going the way or in the time scale that I have planned but there is hope. I guess I know that in Gods time the desires of my heart will be given to me. but for now I am being prepared for the work and purpose he has for me.	May 25, 2012 4:20 AM
707	I'm able to spend quality time with my friends & can diary manage without having to consult anyone. I can put time aside in my diary to have "me time" & if I want to attend a course at Church, there's no issues behind that. If I don't feel like cooking one evening, I can either grab a take-away, make a sandwich or if I don't feel like eating, no need to cook. I have the whole bed	May 25, 2012 3:49 AM

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	to myself, so can lie star fish style when I fancy.	
708	I am free! I don't need, or want, however i do think that i would be an awesome Husband, but not so fussed as God has everything planned (and its trivial really)	May 24, 2012 3:15 PM
709	The flexibility that this offers e.g. I can just drop things to help someone if needed without needing to consider the needs of a family. Being able to lay in at the weekend is a great bonus. I am currently studying part time for a degree, I'm not sure I could have done this as easily if I had a family.	May 24, 2012 2:37 PM
710	I have no single friends.	May 24, 2012 1:37 PM
711	Faith, you know you are loved by the only person who can really love unconditionally, you have a great companion and friend so never alone, purpose and hope	May 24, 2012 11:29 AM
712	After filling in that last section - struggling to find anything positive!!!	May 24, 2012 10:08 AM
713	Double bed all to myself. Decision-making for one person not two. Free of responsibilities associated with marriage (mortgage, kids, weekends at B&Q, your time is not your own). Free to strengthen relationship with God. Free to spend quality time with loved ones. Comfort of no heartbreak.	May 23, 2012 3:37 PM
714	my non chrisian friend are sometime are more there than the christians it should be the other way around.	May 23, 2012 11:24 AM
715	less complicated because I don't sleep around. better because I have Jesus	May 22, 2012 11:40 PM
716	Much easier to talk about the negatives than positives... Next to no positives in terms of relationships. The positives are to do with faith and life more generally - a sense of peace, prayer, worship, no fear of death...	May 22, 2012 2:22 PM
717	What positives?	May 22, 2012 1:57 PM
718	I have a wider circle of friends and my identity is not in being single	May 22, 2012 12:28 PM
719	I know i"m not really alone.	May 22, 2012 9:20 AM
720	I love being single, in general! I sometimes do feel a bit lonely and depressed and I would like to be a mum, but then I look at friends of mine and see that most of them have a lot of stresses and problems and regrets because of the relationships they've had. I try to live my life to the full, and not put plans on hold until I find 'Mr Right!' I might never meet the man for me, and I would be far happier to remain single than to marry the wrong man. If I have a few dates with someone I'm not really into, I start feeling shy and panicky and stifled!! I love choosing where I go on holiday and caring for my 3 cats and helping my parents out. I have learned to appreciate living with them after years of student living away from home.	May 22, 2012 8:18 AM
721	\means I can live out my faith and be there for others without it impacting on a family life which might make it more difficult.	May 21, 2012 3:26 PM
722	The close fellowship I have with the Lord helps me to cope with being single, plus being part of a Christian singles group and a friendly church really help too.	May 21, 2012 3:12 PM

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723	I know I can always depend on my Christian friends in times of trouble or need, however my friends who do not feel the same way about God have likewise been there for me in difficult times	May 21, 2012 2:36 PM
724	Don't go on holidays now as can't cope with going alone.	May 21, 2012 2:04 PM
725	I know that God is with me and leading me and comforting me when I am down. He answers my prayers and never leaves me. Whereas my non-Christian single friends get very depressed	May 21, 2012 1:04 PM
726	I have fellowship and a large spiritual family. I have a personal relationship with God and do not feel on my own. I thought I would never live on my own, however it has meant I have had a deeper and more intimate relationship with God, I have really appreciated that I have God in my life and he has provided in so many ways - more than a husband could have at times. I make decisions with God's help.	May 21, 2012 12:50 PM
727	Support from a church despite being single	May 21, 2012 10:37 AM
728	Think the main positive is independence and the associated ability to do anything any time. I positively love being in a relationship when I am in one - in particular, it feels like everything I do has so much more meaning and is so much more worthwhile because it is not all about me. I actually enjoy doing things for others... but when I am not in a relationship, not having to consider anyone else can be a major bonus	May 20, 2012 7:09 PM
729	Having hope for a future and purpose in life. Having value in God's eyes and not being dependent on validation from the world. Being part of a loving, active and welcoming community.	May 20, 2012 3:43 PM
730	Lots of support from network	May 20, 2012 3:40 PM
731	get support form the church that i was at when in was married , people understand the situation and support me and my children.	May 20, 2012 12:48 PM
732	I get to have a beautiful romance with Jesus, I have a peaceful life	May 20, 2012 12:33 PM
733	I feel that I am not constrained by the expectations of the world in the way that non Christian singles may be. My esteem comes from God and my security in him. I love having time to spend in God's presence, and not feeling that I have to conform to the norms of society.	May 20, 2012 12:09 PM
734	The joy I experience due to knowing the love of God and Jesus. The fellowship and social life I experience with other Christians.	May 20, 2012 12:07 PM
735	I don't have non christian single friends but I am aware that I have the peace that God is in control, had my best interests at heart and my future is in His hands. It's not my worry!!	May 20, 2012 11:45 AM
736	Being part of a caring christian community.	May 20, 2012 10:20 AM
737	I cant think of any.	May 20, 2012 9:36 AM
738	I never have a moment where someone else can just put their arms around me and tell me everything is going to be OK. I have to get up 2 or 3 times every night to deal with my mother. There is no-one to tell how I feel. I can manage an evening out once every 2 months but only for a few hours.	May 20, 2012 8:34 AM

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	THERE ARE NO POSITIVES FOR ME AS A CHRISTIAN SINGLE PERSON. I have to do everything including decorating, shopping, cooking, cleaning, washing, fixing things when they break down. No-one to ask advice of.	
739	I know I have purpose in my life, that God loves me, that I have my Christian brothers and sisters there for me, that I can devote extra time to God and serving others. I am valued by God even when I am single, whereas non-Christian singles might feel unloved or rejected.	May 20, 2012 8:28 AM
740	I know that God will hear my prayers for marriage its just in his timing	May 19, 2012 2:59 PM
741	the sense of intimacy and belong that comes from my close friends and church family. having a sense of purpose that is bigger than just seeking to 'find a husband' or be fulfilled in a relationship.	May 19, 2012 2:24 PM
742	I know that God is sovereign over my future, and has good plans for me, so i don't need to worry about if I'll get married/stay single. I have supportive Christian friends, and we help each other through any struggles with singleness.	May 19, 2012 2:07 PM
743	Knowing that Jesus loves me no matter how I feel about myself on a day to basis. At least I have this to remind myself whereas a non Christian single person does not have this hope and encouragement. To know that no matter what else happens (if I am to marry or not), my focus needs to be on Christ. Again a non christian would not have this goal.	May 19, 2012 11:32 AM
744	Well I am not strictly alone as I have a son to take care of who provides me with a lot of love. I have total independence to decide what I want to do and what projects I can get involved in. The positives and freedom comes in having space and peace to be me although the flip side of this is can be bouts of loneliness. Overall I am much more confident to go and do anything and I can walk into a church, function and meet anyone due to being single for 6 years.	May 18, 2012 11:54 PM
745	Positives are the church or the bible does not dictate my friends' lifestyle. I'm grateful to have friends Christian or non-Christian.	May 18, 2012 8:46 PM
746	I don't feel compelled to conform to society's expectations of me as a single person. I can just be me.	May 18, 2012 2:20 PM
747	I spend alot of time befriending people, visiting phoning.This maybe for my own benefit as well. Easier to get up and out in the morning, re prayertime ect..	May 18, 2012 8:32 AM
748	Being single, I can dedicate as much time as I want to prayer and seeking God, which I'm focusing on at the moment. My married friends have often admitted they wished they had more time to do this, especially the ones with children. I know having this time is a gift, and for my life right now. I do have a desire to get married and have children, and I do hope this is in my future. But I have this time now to go deeper with God and grow in my faith and my relationship with Him, and I am trusting that He knows what is best for my life. It can be hard not to fall into self-pity sometimes, but I try to stay focused on God when that happens.	May 18, 2012 3:12 AM
749	I feel that my future is certain because it belongs to God. I am not so sure about theirs as they think they have all the answers and solutions for	May 18, 2012 2:26 AM

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	<p>everything but they cannot see how limited they are and how short term their views are. They don't know how they are loved by God who sacrificed His Son for their sins, and missing out in all the blessings. I have compassion for them. I do find difficult o communicate sometimes as they cannot see from another angle for long term issues at times even for small things in the short term. I fell I am jewel and precious and I am only available to the person that God chooses for me. Unfortunately my single unbeliever friends makes themselves available to any and everyone cheaply for sake of short time bodily and earthly pleasures. Sometimes they get emotionally attached too and becomes a big mess and heartache if it doesn't result the way they expected in relationships. They cannot understand that i don't respond to men around me while I am very attractive and all the love I have in me to share. It is difficult to explain to them.</p>	
750	<p>The only real positive I can think of is a sense of belonging. I tried to give up going to church when I moved to a new city, but was drawn back only really because I know that with Christians there is a kind of shared identity. I've been in churches all my life, lots of different ones, but even when I walk in alone to a church where I know no-one I still feel fairly confident as it's kind-of 'familiar territory'. Moving to a new city (knowing no-one there), it was the obvious place to go to meet people who would understand my background and way of thinkin.</p>	May 17, 2012 3:08 PM
751	<p>I have God to comfort me when I cry</p>	May 17, 2012 2:52 PM
752	<p>I live for Sundays and a few other Church activities when I can worship and/or hopefully, break my solitary life for a while.</p>	May 17, 2012 1:08 PM
753	<p>I feel that God is my companion, and I am able to draw strength, peace and faith from Him. It's also good to know that He has a plan for me - and I have faith that that plan is not to be single, so I have Hope from him as well.</p>	May 17, 2012 12:33 PM
754	<p>I don't think there are any specific positives in day to day life as a Christian single as opposed to a non-Christian single. In fact, I think there are probably more negatives as a Christian single as opposed to a non-Christian single in day-to-day life! (For example staying out of crude office banter, not checking out the office girls etc.. ;))</p>	May 17, 2012 11:43 AM
755	<p>more time for self development including spiritual and professional and personal</p>	May 17, 2012 10:22 AM
756	<p>Daily walk with God, growing in faith and obedience, trying to become a virtuous woman, spending time with single and married women, learning from married couples and courting couples, learning how to date differently as a Christian woman.</p>	May 17, 2012 8:19 AM
757	<p>I know I don't need to impress anyone because I am accepted by God. I know also that any opportunity for a one night stand is not going to bring me lasting joy, but rather regret, remorse and a lot of pain. I also know that being in no relationship is better than being in a bad one or sleeping around.</p>	May 17, 2012 4:06 AM
758	<p>Everyone is different and I cannot assume I am happier or not than my non-Christian friends.</p>	May 16, 2012 10:24 AM
759	<p>None I can think of apart from I am not sexual active as they are.</p>	May 16, 2012 8:25 AM
760	<p>I have a purpose in life! I do not need to be worried about being single. I</p>	May 16, 2012 8:17 AM

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	<p>know that I can marry anyone from any culture as long as they are Christian. I know that God can help overcome any cultural difference or difficulty. I can travel and have received much encouragement from knowing Christians in other countries, including countries where being a Christian is still a little bit difficult. I have a very full social life. Before I became a Christian I used to be mostly interested in books and intellectual pursuits. Now I am very interested in people.</p>	
761	<p>I have developed very good friendships with other church members, spending several weekends in their company. This is bonus as it is easier to discuss my growing faith with my church family rather than actual family or other friends as they do not understand.</p>	May 16, 2012 4:25 AM
762	<p>cant see any at the moment</p>	May 16, 2012 1:44 AM
763	<p>Fellowship with God, knowing He has a plan for my life, knowing that everything I do contributes to building up God`s kingdom gives me a sense of purpose</p>	May 16, 2012 1:22 AM
764	<p>it is nice to come and go as you wish without have,nt to ask permission and that you can invite friends back for coffee or to stay the weekend that you can spend more time reading the scriptures</p>	May 15, 2012 2:20 PM
765	<p>The positives are that I have a God I can lean on and pray to.</p>	May 15, 2012 1:06 PM
766	<p>A church community to go to and belong to wherever you are in the world, with similar values. I wouldn't like to have to meet any future partner solely on line or being chatted up in a pub.</p>	May 15, 2012 11:33 AM
767	<p>The only up side is that God is in control of my life</p>	May 15, 2012 5:04 AM
768	<p>Have peace and joy beyond anything the world can offer. content in the present situation</p>	May 15, 2012 3:30 AM
769	<p>Besides praying first thing in the morning and last thing at night, i like to 'potter' around my house and just talk to God. These prayers are the ones that get answered the most. Before i was a Christian i just used to tlak to myself as i lived alone for 14 years, so i now i just talk to God. God answers about 3 major prayers a month and i beleive that this is because i talk to Him alot. If yer don't ask, yer don't get, Amen.</p>	May 14, 2012 6:37 PM
770	<p>Being forced to rely on God for itimacy. Freedom to get involved in ministry work spontaniosly. Close friendships with single friends</p>	May 14, 2012 3:17 PM
771	<p>I know that when I am feeling lonely and surrounded by people who are dating that God sees me and how I feel. Also, that on difficult/bitter days I remember that he should be enough for me.</p>	May 14, 2012 3:06 PM
772	<p>I feel that being a single and a Christian compared to my non-Christian friends means that I try and find the meaning in my status - I am actively trying to respond and accept what God has planned for me. I think this brings a certain sort of peace sometimes - that the meaning is in the journey and it's okay for it to not sit comfortably with me. Some of the my non-Christian friends do not think like this and lurch from one relationship to another without trying to listen to God. My life as a Christian means I never feel completely alone - God is always there is I just reach out.</p>	May 14, 2012 3:04 PM

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773	I can spend my time and money on me. I can spend days off on my own recharging	May 14, 2012 1:14 PM
774	having a relationship with god I spend as much time encouraging and uplifting others I work with those that God brings people to me that need help I have personally worked with a few girls helping them restart their lives as they have had breakdowns and other mental health issues they have lives living alone and need help from basics as well as giving them love and practical help Three girls recently have moved forwards into relationships happily and have found faith in God and humans There is a great need for the giving of love in the church and in society at large .I hope someday that the lord will grant the desire of my heart for a loving spouse I wait on the lord in faith.Keep pressing forwards	May 14, 2012 1:02 PM
775	Having at least some connections through church	May 14, 2012 12:41 PM
776	As a Christian I have a very rich spiritual identity and a rewarding ministry in church. I am valued as my own person with an outgoing personality. Being over 50 I can easily fit into the large group of women who are widowed and don't feel like I stand out as being unusual. There are also those who have never married and a few other divorcees like myself. The church 'family' really does exist and I feel a tremendous sense of acceptance and belonging. But I miss the intimacy and companionship of relationship.	May 14, 2012 12:03 PM
777	Late night curries and a bonkers amount of business without guilt. I am very busy and keep a mad schedule that would not be possible if I was to marry someone I cared about.	May 14, 2012 10:07 AM
778	Can do what I want at the drop of a hat without having to consult anyone. Don't have to be home at a set time so can go out or dinner or whatever if I feel like it. No one to discuss financial decisions with.	May 14, 2012 9:55 AM
779	If I wasn't a Christian, I would find it more difficult, as God gives me so much peace and strength to cope with all that life throws at me. However I see non-Christians being able to meet someone more easily as they aren't wanting to meet a Christian, it seems very difficult to enable single Christians to meet up, and when someone has tried such a venture the men who turn up are usually of a certain kind, dear lonely souls with problems!	May 14, 2012 9:22 AM
780	for me there are no positives in being single	May 14, 2012 8:44 AM
781	As a single, I still have Godly missions, but I would prefer to be collaborating with my wife.	May 14, 2012 3:51 AM
782	I would just like to say being single does give you time to pursue mission. However being married shouldn't stop your calling. It would be nice to have the support there. Being married shouldn't hold you back from what God has called you to. .Spending time with God . Praying about the situation . Knowing people care and are praying with you and for you . Having a certain amount of faith and trust that God is in control and knows best. . Focusing or trying to focus on other work and having the strength to get through each day with God.	May 13, 2012 11:50 PM
783	It's all about Jesus, having hope and faith. knowing I can trust God with my future!	May 13, 2012 3:32 PM
784	It's the freedom in all its forms. I answer to no one. I can do what I want when	May 13, 2012 3:06 PM

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	i want. I can spend as i please. No friction or fights.	
785	I have friends who go to all sorts of lengths and put themselves in vry vunerable positions to fulfil a need for intimacy, I don't deny that there are moments I yearn for human contact, but I know that God loves me far deeper than any passing human 'relationship' can ever reach.	May 13, 2012 2:33 PM
786	I have Christian brothers and sisters, and we pray for each other. It is wonderful to be part of a church family because we support one another. I pray every day, and even when I feel really lonely, I still know the presence of God.	May 13, 2012 2:09 PM
787	No longer feel the need to throw myself at men; Caring friends who share the same values	May 13, 2012 2:00 PM
788	I wake up in the morning thanking God for another day, the ways I can serve him, knowing whatever I face, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Knowing Christ is with me constantly, I can call upon him in any situation and he is there to guide me.	May 13, 2012 1:40 PM
789	I feel that now I am a Christian I have another purpose and more meaning in my life. When I was single I was very focussed on being in a relationship and felt a failure if I wasn't. Going to church has allowed me to make more friends and they are very supportive. I also feel I am part of a community and don't feel so alone.	May 13, 2012 1:21 PM
790	Im not screwing up my emotions and body by sleeping around.	May 13, 2012 12:17 PM
791	I have spiritual marriage in that we are going to the Wedding Feast as bride to the bridegroom and it will be the only type of marriage in heaven. I have spiritual family in the Christians around me that i fellowship with. I have spiritual children in those I can help come to faith or grow in their faith, by God's grace.	May 13, 2012 12:14 PM
792	No difference really	May 13, 2012 10:11 AM
793	i really struggle with this one. I see my non- Christian friends in relationships, with children as single parents. they may not have lived life the biblical way, but God seems to have blessed them in ways that I have never been blessed. It can be very difficult to find the positives, in daily life. Maybe my positives will come in eternity.	May 13, 2012 5:38 AM
794	n/a	May 13, 2012 5:16 AM
795	You don't need to check what other people might like to do, your time is your own	May 13, 2012 3:59 AM
796	As a single Christian I have a lot of time to spend with God and to grow in relationship with Him. I have more time to read the bible and have devotional time with God. My Christian single friends understand my situation more than my non-Christian friends. My situation being that I can trust in God and put my future in His hands.	May 13, 2012 3:41 AM
797	You just feel at the outside looking in with the church - just seeing couples and their families. Everyone is so insular minding their own business. I dont feel that way when Im at work at all or with my non-Christian friends.	May 12, 2012 3:51 PM

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798	I have hope and a strong faith. I want for nothing. I know my relationship with God is far stronger than any kind of physical relationship I will perhaps have in the future. I know God has a plan and do not doubt his choice for as opposed to a non - christian who has a lot of self doubt etc	May 12, 2012 11:32 AM
799	I am more focused on aspects of importance.	May 12, 2012 9:19 AM
800	enormous - obviously relationship with God which means that I am never lonely or insecure. And the depth of relationship in Christ with close Christian friends, together with the blessing of the wider fellowship.	May 12, 2012 9:10 AM
801	I have God to talk to or even argue with!.....I am surrounded by Christian things...Bibles , cards sent by caring people, Rosaries from Catholic friends(I am not catholic) which make me feel safe! And I know God may mean me to be single now....I don,t know? so I may not like it but I can,t argue much if it is indeed Gods will for me now!...however having seriously bad experiences in the past...it would be good if God were to make it good for my final years...after all he knows how hard I worked!	May 12, 2012 8:55 AM
802	I can have peace and quiet when I want to. I can come and go as I please, don't have to be running aound for someone else - cooking and cleaning etc. I can arrange my home as I wish and plan my time as I choose.	May 12, 2012 8:40 AM
803	In my case, I believe in God, and that He has given all grace to abound in plenty or without. He gives me security and healthy sense of self, that no human can give or recieve elsewhere. With being secured in myself, because I know and have god, I harldy feel less or inferior to my married peers. They are not better off, and I no worst off! For me it's a thing of the mind. I know I have had great men in my life and opportunity to Marry, which I missed due to pursing career, therefore, i am objective that it is partly my fault/responsibility. I can only wait on God, believe and trust Him for another chance. This helps me stay ontop of verbal attacks, as it was my choice Not to marry when I should have, so it's no Big deal, I have tasted what it feels like!	May 12, 2012 5:35 AM
804	My closest friends are Christians and are truly wonderful, fun, trustworthy and include me in their families I suppose many non Christian friends wouldn't have these Christian friends.	May 12, 2012 5:34 AM
805	house group attendance allows me to share some of the difficult times i may be having and the knowledge that a prayer wall will be going up as soon as a particular problem is identified within that group. My participation in my church music group (which requires regular weekly meets to practice) is a particular love of mine and i feel there i can forget about my personal life.	May 12, 2012 4:56 AM
806	fellowship with other christians worship which lifts you out of the focus on self	May 12, 2012 12:52 AM
807	Knowing that there is a bigger picture and that God is in control is very helpful and helps reduce my anxiety about a future alone. Knowing I can ask people from church for prayer and practical support if I need to is helpful too.	May 11, 2012 2:07 PM
808	I can decide to do what I want when I want I can be more spontaneous I can spend time with Jesus more freely and for longer I can receive his peace more readily I know that God has my future mapped out for me and I am learning to trust him in this	May 11, 2012 2:03 PM
809	I have close fellowship with my church family. I have other single christian	May 11, 2012 1:30 PM

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	friends to encourage one another and pray together. I have moved across countries/continents many times as a single person, and I wonder how much more difficult it would have been if I was not a christian. There is always a great christian community wherever I move to and they embrace me almost like a family member. It would be so difficult to move to a new place if I didn't have such christian communities and church families.	
810	I am a Christian bloke. I am in a minority and there are lots of very lovely Christian women out there.	May 11, 2012 9:27 AM
811	I have less responsibility (i.e. children) and more free time	May 10, 2012 2:52 PM
812	I have a rock.	May 10, 2012 2:25 PM
813	Having a faith to fall back on and understanding the power of prayer	May 10, 2012 1:58 PM
814	I get to chose what my dinner and can eat as much vegetarian food as I like. I don't have to 'ask permission' to do things. I am in charge of my own finances.	May 10, 2012 12:31 PM
815	I have to assurance that God is with me and that i am not alone - i do not fear things that go bump in the night and i am not worried about being home alone (even some of my married friends have difficulty when their spouse is away for a night). I am confident that God is with me in all my dealings at work and i am not worried about the future when jobs losses are threatened. Because i believe God has a plan for my life i am not worried about what that involves so i do not spend time worrying about money, or my house, or whether i will die as an old maid and rot away for 3 days before anyone notices i'm missing!	May 10, 2012 11:58 AM
816	Not damaging myself with alcohol, drugs, partying	May 10, 2012 10:52 AM
817	Having faith in God and hope for the future that he does have a plan for my life and that he will provide a future husband for me, but in his time.	May 10, 2012 10:47 AM
818	I am never alone, and I trust in the fact that God has a plan for me beyond what is in front of me now. It does not mean that I find things easy all the time (clearly, from my answers above), but it does mean that I have hope and assurance no matter what my circumstances may be. I also feel that I have an appreciation that a relationship is not just going to "fix" everything, though of course all the benefits of a relationship such as companionship and intimacy would be wonderful.	May 10, 2012 10:46 AM
819	I struggle to answer this question. Largely because I am struggling with elements of my faith at the moment. In many respects, in relation to singleness, I feel let down and disappointed by God. I feel that my faith has been a hindrance to me in meeting someone. It means there is a massive tick box that men have to meet before I can even consider an interest in them. And I don't meet many christian men. I know the correct answer should be that I feel loved by God, and he is my constant companion - but truthfully at this point, I don't feel that. I feel like my faith has prevented me from forming relationships, because I have tried to stick to certain criteria. I regret that now.	May 10, 2012 7:16 AM
820	I can make my own decisions and balance my social life without having to put my other half first. Being an independent person is easier when single, one tends to get more dependent when in a relationship.	May 10, 2012 7:15 AM

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821	Theroetically there is freedom to devote to causes that are important, or activities that are enjoyable - but, in practice, because there is no one to share the burden of everyday practicalities of living then there is often not as much time as needed or desired. Also many activities are more enjoyably done with another.	May 10, 2012 4:02 AM
822	Knowing that God understands our situation and there's someone to talk to... Knowing that Christian friends/family are praying for you, even though you may be unaware of it at the time.	May 10, 2012 3:22 AM
823	There may be some positives but I would rather be married.	May 10, 2012 1:55 AM
824	I tried to hold on to the bible teachings and that keep me hoping and going. I don't have to turn to drink and drugs when things are tough especially when you don't have a shoulder to cry on.	May 9, 2012 2:27 PM
825	I enjoy having time to pray and work on my relationship with God as well as more time to give to serve the church.	May 9, 2012 1:51 PM
826	Simply, my pool of choice is far smaller. There are far more women on here than there are men, but on a non-Christian site, it's the other way around. Or at least more balanced.	May 9, 2012 1:12 PM
827	God is with me and I know he always will be and that is a very strong anchor when life is difficult I know I'm loved and accepted by God	May 9, 2012 11:12 AM
828	I have started going out socially with Christians that I've met through CC as well as my other friends who are non-single.	May 9, 2012 10:05 AM
829	I do not mind being amongst married couples as long as they accept me and my being friendly (from a healthy perspective) towards their children. I have entertained families at my flat, in deed I enjoy entertaining: children warm to me.	May 9, 2012 8:17 AM
830	I have God to sustain me and fill my life with joy without the companionship of christ and my christian friends i would feel much more lonely Single non christian friends search for different things in a partner or maybe just flings rather than a life partner	May 9, 2012 7:42 AM
831	I have faith and can turn to god	May 9, 2012 7:26 AM
832	I am able to look to God for strength, to ask Him for help, I can at least feel that there must be some reason why my life isn't what I'd hoped it would be, that there is some purpose, even though I don't understand it now. can see that in going through difficult times, I may one day be able to help others in the same situation, where many in the church cannot help because they cannot understand or empathise.	May 9, 2012 4:01 AM
833	Having God to trust in that He cares for me, knows the desires of my heart and won't forsake me. I know it doesn't mean I will definitely getting married one day, but ultimately we will understand why we went though what we did on earth. He is in control!	May 9, 2012 3:21 AM
834	Made lots of friends in the church - very good on a spiritual level as well as social level.	May 8, 2012 3:08 PM
835	Devotion to God and time for children and youth ministry that I wouldn't have	May 8, 2012 2:57 PM

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	If in a relationship	
836	Are there any???	May 8, 2012 2:42 PM
837	Having a peace with God that helps me to focus on what really matters in life and know He is in control.	May 8, 2012 1:47 PM
838	Finding a christian partner is difficult there are not many strongly committed christian. Basically less choice.	May 8, 2012 1:18 PM
839	Having more time to spend with friends	May 8, 2012 12:53 PM
840	Don't have the arguments that I see them having. Don't have to worry about cheating/deception.	May 8, 2012 12:28 PM
841	I can focus on growing in spiritual maturity and working towards ministry, and can give this more focus than if I were in a relationship.	May 8, 2012 11:57 AM
842	The only positive I can think of is knowing that Jesus loves me even if no man actually does.	May 8, 2012 11:41 AM
843	I enjoy my Christian friends in Church. The difference in my life and a non-Christian is I have God in my life and he guides me in everything I do. Without Him there is no life. I try to take life as it comes even though it has its ups and downs.	May 8, 2012 10:05 AM
844	I don't know many non Christian single people. Sooner or later they seem to get hooked up!	May 8, 2012 10:00 AM
845	I am not tied to thinking about anyone else but myself and my daughter. To a certain extent, I am in control of what I choose to do.	May 8, 2012 4:34 AM
846	At least I know that ultimately I am loved by God and have value in His eyes. Ultimately, whatever happens in this life, I will not spend eternity alone, and that's a great thought.	May 8, 2012 3:07 AM
847	I can be more of an individual in many situations	May 8, 2012 3:02 AM
848	Jesus is my partner in life. He is perfect. No man or woman can be. So I am never discontented with my life partner. Just in awe of him.	May 8, 2012 2:39 AM
849	As a teacher I can enjoy the company of children without the 24 hour strain of caring for them. I probably enjoy more financial security.	May 8, 2012 1:24 AM
850	I personally find being single almost unbearable. However, not as bad as being in a wrong relationship. I think it depends on the person. Some people find it easier than others. i think the experiences for christian and non christians in this area are probably similar.	May 7, 2012 3:27 PM
851	when times get hard I have God to talk too and guide me, I have hope. I can get in contact with my church if i need help and being at church stops me from becoming isolated and withdrawn from social settings.	May 7, 2012 3:22 PM
852	Involvement in a church that feels like a family. I can form, more quickly than my non- Christian friends can, close and supportive friendships in any new place through church.	May 7, 2012 2:41 PM

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853	Flexibility, avoiding uncomplicated challenges with someone so close.	May 7, 2012 2:29 PM
854	The hope of a future wonderful life in eternity with my saviour keeps me going on the dark days - don't know how anyone else copes without this.	May 7, 2012 2:17 PM
855	Knowing God loves me and he has me on a path that will lead to him. Being blessed with the things i do have and don't think too much what i don't have.	May 7, 2012 1:29 PM
856	There are positive Christian single role models, St Paul for example. Even though this isn't reflected in the church, Christianity values each soul equally and a Christian might be less likely to place their self-worth on whether they are in a relationship or not.	May 7, 2012 1:17 PM
857	Don't understand why, if this project to which the survey relates is meant to help Christian singles, all the examples being asked for are POSITIVES.....?! Is it responsible to downplay how hard the single chaste Christian life is? Because it IS hard, and no amount of House box sets and uninterrupted nights of sleep will be enough to stop some singles sadly falling away due to its demands. Positives: more time, space & energy to devote to your own pursuits, Godly or otherwise. Freedom from worry of unwanted pregnancy, disease, getting badly treated by partners, dragging others into serious sin; self-respect. Peace in God our protector and provider. Assurance of eternal life through the blood of the lamb. The witness of the Holy Spirit that God can hold me to Himself. On the other hand, I look at the beaming faces of non-Christian friends who have just got engaged, hold the new babies of married Christians, sit beside a group of friends in Starbucks talking about their children, and feel the tears well in the back of my eyes. Christian single males have no such body clock and many still think themselves hard done by.	May 7, 2012 1:00 PM
858	I guess I'm not as tired & I go to bed when I want to!	May 7, 2012 11:24 AM
859	Please see previous reasons. Maybe the positives do outweigh the negatives as I do enjoy doing what i want, when I want. But I miss sex, I miss intimacy, I miss being the "bees knees" for someone else. I think I have a lot to offer in a relationship.	May 7, 2012 11:15 AM
860	I know that I am loved by God and special to him. I know that God's plan for me is the best, even if that is to stay single.	May 7, 2012 11:07 AM
861	With God you always have purpose. Also, as a daughter of the King, I know my worth, and know I don't need to think there is anything wrong with me, and that my future is secure in Him. I have healthy boundaries for dating, and willingly go on dates, but have God to give me discernment for making good choices. I am not dating from a place of loneliness or boredom. I believe that God's timing is right, and choose not to worry about meeting the right person. For the time when it just sucks, at friends weddings etc, there is always chocolate!! Church goers are often busier too. I attend a lot of conferences. I want to see God heal people and spend money and time on talks and conferences to learn and see as much as I can. I value this as when I've had boyfriends my time and money has gone into shared activities. For now, I can wholeheartedly pursue God. I don't have any single non-Christian friends, they are all co-habiting, many with a worry on after several years of cohabitation, why are they not engaged. I would rather be in my situation!!	May 7, 2012 10:51 AM
862	i have time to devote to spending time talking with God and in the word. I can	May 7, 2012 10:37 AM

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	share my testimony with those who have been worse off than me and to look where God has brought you from.	
863	Jesus is there to talk to and to lean on!	May 7, 2012 9:50 AM
864	I can pray about single issues and maybe share them with friends - although prayer about singleness can be difficult as it often seems that God is silent on the subject. On a practical level I have to be honest and say that sometimes life is no more positive for me than some non-Christian singles	May 7, 2012 9:49 AM
865	I have freedom to attend services without the emotion behind not spending time with a partner. Although my children now highlight my church commitments. I am able to commit/ run my Homegroup	May 7, 2012 9:28 AM
866	I certainly have time and no responsibilities which allows me to focus on what I feel God is asking me to and I have more of a peace than some of my non-christian single friends.	May 7, 2012 8:32 AM
867	God is with me wherever I go 24/7 I try not to fear He provides all our material needs and more I feel content knowing he cares I do feel his never ending love I try to please god be encouraging love people	May 7, 2012 8:24 AM
868	I can be sure that although specific situations can be difficult being single I have the knowledge that God is in control of my life and will work everything for the good of his people. There is meaning behind struggles and difficulties where as for a non christian- the same struggles may seem to have no purpose.	May 7, 2012 7:37 AM
869	I know that God hears me and he knows how i feel. It is good to have time to pray and serve God without feeling pulled in different directions.	May 7, 2012 6:00 AM
870	I don't really have any single friends any more, but here goes. I'm not expecting a man to 'complete me' but am looking for a companion to work with. I also feel that my options are much more limited in finding a life partner; even if I didn't require a partner to be a regular church-goer there are many fewer single men of my age range who lead a compatible social-lifestyle	May 7, 2012 5:07 AM
871	I feel the love of God	May 7, 2012 4:04 AM
872	I have a number of Christian friends, some of whom are single and this provides some comfort and consolation for not being married	May 7, 2012 3:17 AM
873	Being able to support other single Christians and invest in single non Christian lives	May 7, 2012 2:54 AM
874	I find my self worth in my relationship with God rather than guys. I don't flit from one relationship to another and so don't get hurt as much but maybe I do tend to over analyse potential relationships where non Christian friends would just 'give it a go' and see what happens.	May 7, 2012 2:25 AM
875	We have the Lord who gives us all we need we have hope in a hopeless world, there is always a peace with being with the Lord. My non Christian friends have the world and all it offers, but we are called to be in the world but not of the world	May 7, 2012 2:20 AM
876	Time to pray and meditate time to help and support others time to attend all	May 7, 2012 1:50 AM

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	church meetings, small groups and relevant social activities	
877	There aren't many	May 7, 2012 12:59 AM
878	As a single person i have the hope of Christ, the beauty of Christ and the knowledge that no matter how i feel about being single from time to time, i know my life is in His hands and He knows best for me. He knows my desires too...	May 7, 2012 12:49 AM
879	Organise time as fit business interests and itinerary flexible. Time alone to reflect and pray- me time and quality space to take in nature and surroundings.	May 6, 2012 11:08 PM
880	Being able to leave my flat as I like (tidy or messy). Choosing how to personalise and decorate my space. Not having to always worry about my image. Being able to set my own rhythms of rest and activity. Being able to have time with God whenever I please and for however long I please.	May 6, 2012 7:34 PM
881	I don't feel such a pressure to date or get married because I know that God has the right plans for my life. I have a solid community around me with my church family. I have many single Christian friends, and those of the opposite sex don't expect to get more out of our friendships than is appropriate.	May 6, 2012 7:31 PM
882	I can read my Bible, I can tweet Bible verses, I can go to prayer meetings and I can sing/pray whenever I want. I have a network of friend who know my inside-out and will be there for me whenever I want, I can also provide that for them. I can open my home to my friends as well	May 6, 2012 6:13 PM
883	I don't believe they find it easier than I do - the main difference being that they have access to casual sex. The differences with married friends, however, are radical.	May 6, 2012 4:44 PM
884	I used to find it really diffucult not having someone but know I realise my Father God is jealous for me first and I have been putting the desire for a wife before my God. I recently concluded that My Lord wants me to be happy in him first and then he will give me a wife. That's only right cos he gave his Son for me and deserves my best for him. Rather than being dissatisfied I want him to have first place and then she will come along.	May 6, 2012 3:43 PM
885	I have the companionship of God as comfort.	May 6, 2012 2:44 PM
886	I might not ask myself as many question and have a more hopeful outlook on things. I don't have that feeling of being used for sex in my heart ache and vulnerability.	May 6, 2012 2:38 PM
887	I have a hope and a future - marriage is not the be all and end all. I've seen so many angry and bitter people who are trawling for mr right regardless so that they are not alone. To be fair I've also seen this in single christians and have made a positive choice never to let being single be my defining feature. I'm also blessed by having a large group of friends and a best friend who is also single so things like holidays are never a problem. My friends sometimes worry about me still being single but are mostly not Christian - they think I'm being fussy in looking only for a Christian husband but they respect my views. I love life and want to do everything and take every opportunity in life - singleness is not what defines me, being a Christian and following God's plan is.	May 6, 2012 2:08 PM

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888	I get to pray and receive pray from other member's of the congregation. I also regularly go for lunch with some of the other single men in the church after the Sunday morning service.	May 6, 2012 2:01 PM
889	I don't think there is any particular 'Christian' positive that non-Christians miss out on. A more hopeful/optimistic outlook is a possible consequence of a strong faith but the religious route to this is not an exclusive route.	May 6, 2012 1:41 PM
890	I have the time and freedom to make my own choices and decisions about little to big things, but sometimes there is noone to talk to about it.	May 6, 2012 1:16 PM
891	Married folk or those who are single parents tell me they would have a great time if they were single. Its' true that I can pick and choose what to do but there are certain restrictions to doing what you want: money being one of them. Other activities require a partner (eg dancing). Single supplements put up the cost of holidays and/or hotel rooms. Moving around for work is easy peasy but not many want to be doing that all their lives.	May 6, 2012 11:22 AM
892	I have made a lot of friends through Christian organisations (eg the Christian Rambling Club as I like walking) and through going on Christian holidays (eg Oak Hall and the former Masterski). My non-Christian single friends don't have such a wide network.	May 6, 2012 10:31 AM
893	It is good to know that whether I am single or married I am loved by God and that he has a unique purpose for my life. I can find peace in this knowledge (although I do still worry about being single and not having a family of my own). It is reassuring and helpful to know that people are praying for me and that God hears both their prayers and mine.	May 6, 2012 10:14 AM
894	I can make my own decisions and spend time doing the things I enjoy. I am independent.	May 6, 2012 10:06 AM
895	I think you have an eternal persective if you are a Christian as you realise you already have the most important thing in your life if you know Jesus and that's it's just for this lifetime; in heaven there will be no more marriage, we'll all be equal. That's a comforting thought. I think you self esteem is also higher if you are a Christian as you know you are loved as much as you could be by the one tru God and you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You don't need the love of another human being to complete you, but it would be a nice added extra sometimes.	May 6, 2012 10:04 AM
896	I cant think of any. I find it odd that when a married woman goes into hospital, people from church support her and her husband with offers of meals etc while she is in. As a singleton I got absolutely nothing there seems to be an assumption we can manage because we are used to it!	May 6, 2012 9:13 AM
897	1) I have a community at Church who are there to offer support and prayer and practical assistance with things like moving house. 2) Hope for the future - although things can be tough as a single person, I do have a hope for the future - i won't necessarily find a partner, but can look forward to an eternity in heaven 3) No pressure to have sex on dates - I don't know how non-Christians negotiate this. I am very happy to be able to go on a date and know exactly where I stand on this, so I don't need to worry 4) Someone to talk to - God is a constant companion	May 6, 2012 8:35 AM
898	I don't see any, mine is less and theirs is enriched and shared with someone completely.	May 6, 2012 8:34 AM

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899	I feel grounded in my faith and God is with me. Prayer and bible reading plus seeing my Christian /non Christian friends and my family , plus the voluntary work I do gives me a purpose and fulfilment. I have been on my own for 10 yrs. Time heals . I found it very difficult / depressing to begin with.	May 6, 2012 7:20 AM
900	My single non-christian friend go through/change partners like they change thier clothes.	May 6, 2012 6:39 AM
901	Being free to decide when and what I do without having to consider my husband or partner	May 6, 2012 4:17 AM
902	has a christian you know gods love you and supports you but you always wounder what god has in store for you	May 6, 2012 4:11 AM
903	I am able to support my friends and be there for them. Also i feel blessed that i can give my God daughter quality time and be a role model.	May 6, 2012 3:51 AM
904	I have a good social life with other single christians through the local single christian group	May 6, 2012 3:49 AM
905	I can drop everything and be there for friends and family when needed.	May 6, 2012 2:48 AM
906	Life has purpose and direction. When I am making decisions, particularly to do with my career, I can make them independently, but pray for wisdom and direction.	May 6, 2012 2:14 AM
907	No ties. Just get myself to church, don't have to be consider others in my plans for the day/week in my free time. Able to take part in random events at short notice without having to rearrange a family and their commitments. Can give more time to preapring for Sunday School (as a leader). In general, give commitment to Christian things that married couples could not.	May 6, 2012 1:57 AM
908	I can get up and do, as and when I please. Not being responsiable to or for anyone (not having to get authority).	May 6, 2012 1:54 AM
909	positives of hope in God Positives of being free from STD due to abstinence	May 5, 2012 6:50 PM
910	I can manage my own diary & accept social invites without reference to anyone else. I can eat, sleep, drink when I want. That's about it.	May 5, 2012 4:50 PM
911	Using this opportunity to say that think this questionnaire is good and pragmatically focused - like question 27 - theres obviosly some recognition of challenges of singledom! Positives - that God loves me; that He is with me and cares (sometimes struggle with this given the isolation) that, as I read somewhere recently, He has a photograph of me on His mantlepiece, (no-one else does)	May 5, 2012 3:43 PM
912	I know that in everything God is with me and will never forsake and my life is in His hands single or otherwise and I place my trust in His hands and know that he has everything under control and there is a plan and a purpose to everything. Every trial can take you to a new level in Christ and obedience is the key to growth and maturity in my journey to Wholeness through purity and seeking His face.	May 5, 2012 3:26 PM
913	I feel that as part of a church community, I have a very strong support network when needed, and some very close friends who really do love me, and who I love. I'd imagine many non-Christian single friends wouldn't have	May 5, 2012 3:18 PM

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	that same network of people who they can turn to, or who will just give unconditionally.	
914	I see God as my companion. I also give myself to more personal devotion which gives me inner peace and amazing strenght to carry on each day no-matter-what.	May 5, 2012 3:15 PM
915	i have god in my life he keeps me strong and he obviously hasn't found the right person for me, a lot of my friends have moved people in and out of their homes, don't like being on their own, which i can understand where they are coming from, i wouldn't want to be like that	May 5, 2012 3:03 PM
916	The positives are knowing Jesus and having the assurance that however tough life gets I can look forward to the day when I am going to be with Him forever. This always gives me strength to keep going. I can also talk to the Lord everyday about my problems, knowing that He hears me and answers prayer.	May 5, 2012 2:54 PM
917	I am trying to be a positive christian, because I am trusting in God to meet all my needs, including providing me with the right husband; God shall meet all my needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus. My faith and hope is in God alone.	May 5, 2012 2:20 PM
918	A purpose in being single and a church family	May 5, 2012 1:26 PM
919	1. I have a loving Father who is a comfort to me in times when it gets really hard 2. I have other single christian girl friends my age who understand exactly how i am feeling so we are able to comfort each other	May 5, 2012 11:21 AM
920	I have been able to devote myself to mission-based projects in a way that would have been impossible had I been married. The benefit is to the church/ recipients of ministry, however. I have found the work gratifying, and believe that God has called me to this work, but I feel it is a hard furrow to plough.	May 5, 2012 11:07 AM
921	I have hope. I trust God, despite sadness. Great joy in His service (serving soup to the homeless and singing with worship team at church) and so I am enjoying myself too much to have the time to try out a string of potential husbands although I am not dogmatic about intimacy before marriage - as lots of other far more important issues related to the relationship but also to what it really means to be a Christian. As I am divorced, I know that making love is far more fulfilling than having sex so I wait as joyfully as possible - partly because I just keep travelling around. But I know many Christian singles who do have one or two or more potential partners with whom they are intimate before they get married or not.	May 5, 2012 10:06 AM
922	Freedom to stop, contemplate and pray when I need to.	May 5, 2012 9:57 AM
923	I know that I have the support of my church family and friends, and that however tough my week is they are there for me on a Sunday morning and also for mid week cell group meeting.	May 5, 2012 9:25 AM
924	I make my own decisions	May 5, 2012 9:10 AM
925	having purpose and having God with you to deal with the challenges in life	May 5, 2012 9:05 AM
926	It's hard to separate my Christian life from my secular, and I am not sure I	May 5, 2012 8:57 AM

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want to, my faith guiding all my choices and decisions about the future. But, singleness means I have a clean slate looking forward, and that I am not limited to one area or denomination in terms of applying for new jobs and hoping to move almost anywhere in the UK. That I do not have a family means I have been trying other churches and services lately, partly for my present needs and also to set my up so I can hit the ground running when I do get a job and move wherever I need to go.

927 I know that I am fully loved and cared for by my heavenly father. I can pray/talk to him whenever I have need. I have hope in the future that he will look after me. I have christian friends I can talk to pray with if I need support. I am involved in lots of ministries that help me to use my time wisely and usefully such that I feel like I have a purpose, and I'm not just sitting alone at home

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928 A faith in God's plan and sovereignty so if I never marry it may be hard but I know that it is the best. This certainty and peace, whilst acknowledging the evident difficulties, is most different to my non-Christian single friends. That and not feeling like I have to keep trying harder and "pulling" people in a casual way.

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929 I enjoy my independence and my freedom. I also have clearer boundaries than my non-Christian friends, due to my faith.

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930 There are quite a few other single women that I can identify with and hang out with!

May 5, 2012 5:56 AM

931 I think I have much deeper friendship than ones that are based on the worldly social scene i'e clubbing, drinking.

May 5, 2012 5:36 AM

932 My children appreciate having my sole attention

May 5, 2012 4:47 AM

933 At the moment i feel being single for me is very difficult and don't feel there are many positives.

May 5, 2012 3:59 AM

934 Having God at the centre of my life makes me feel spiritually fulfilled. I know that I would not feel like that if I was a non Christian

May 5, 2012 2:21 AM

935 I can share my disappointment and hurt with God. I am part of a church so have people to see and things to do.

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936 I only have to consider myself, so can be flexible about what I do and when.

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937 God's existence in my life has changed me in a lot of ways. Hard to describe. I feel as if I have an extra protective layer of covering on me. No matter what's going on in the office or in my life, that cover's going to be close, keeping me warm and protected against the harsh winds or the bitter colds that may come my way. Although I sometimes feel that the layer is loosening or may be ripped somehow, I know deep down that is a lie, God has me wrapped, I just need to keep focused on the extra protective layer of protection, love, guidance, wisdom, warmth and bravery that the Lord gives me freely every day. My non-Christian friends or at least some of them, worry and fret when they have no need to. If only they opened themselves up to the layer!

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938 I'm having trouble thinking of any! Attending church means that on a Sunday, generally a 'quiet' or lonely day, I have something to get up for, and

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	contact with people.	
939	It gives me hope for the future and perseverance in believing that God will hear my prayer for a partner. Also I know Christ will return and I will see my dead loved ones again.	May 4, 2012 4:33 PM
940	Wouldn't go to any family based functions in any shape or form !	May 4, 2012 3:45 PM
941	God is always with me, he will not let me down or forsake me.	May 4, 2012 3:10 PM
942	The ability to plan holidays without having to accomodate another persons agenda, and not having to please two sets of families.	May 4, 2012 3:09 PM
943	Church provides a 'family' or 'community' to which i belong, and in which people care about me	May 4, 2012 3:08 PM
944	i can spend long times praying, worshipping, reading bible, whenever i want. i don't have to make proper meals.	May 4, 2012 3:02 PM
945	Studying my part-time degree Meeting colleagues for coffee in lunch break	May 4, 2012 2:55 PM
946	However hard I find it being single, I always know that the Lord is there with me.	May 4, 2012 2:45 PM
947	Not idolising and over-priorisiting relationships.	May 4, 2012 2:14 PM
948	It all comes down to companionship and the opportunity to care for someone who equally cares for me.	May 4, 2012 1:36 PM
949	You are part of the church family which provides a great support network.	May 4, 2012 1:33 PM
950	I don't think I have any positives for being single. Ecclesiastes 4 verses 9-11 tells us that two people are better than one. For if they fall, one will help his or her companion up, but pity the person who falls down and has no one to help.I Furthermore, if two lie down together, they can keep each other warm, but how can one keep warm by himself or by herself? I feel very sad sometimes.	May 4, 2012 1:33 PM
951	Obviously knowing God is a positive. But it's often hard to see the positive when you are pretty sure that if you weren't a Christian you probably wouldn't be single. Most of my non-Christian friends are in relationships.	May 4, 2012 1:32 PM
952	At least no one can notice what a complicated person I am. I know God loves me and none of the problems I have are his fault but I feel badly let down by humans,	May 4, 2012 1:00 PM
953	I know that this life isn't all there is, so it's less of a worry, and I have no shortage of love - both from God and from my church family. I'm not sure that my non-Christian single friends really see me as having a more positive time though!	May 4, 2012 12:59 PM
954	Church community provides a home and a support network.	May 4, 2012 12:40 PM
955	I am part of a bigger community as a Christian which I could turn to for support in difficult circumstances. I feel that my faith enables me to keep my issues and feeling in proper perspective and I know that I am still loved by God. I think I would feel very lost without this.	May 4, 2012 12:37 PM

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956	I'm friends with a lot more families than I otherwise would be. Being part of their life has let me see a variety of perspectives on family living that I wouldn't otherwise have seen. Being surrounded my people in all walks of life means that I there are more examples and role-models too, something which many of my friends don't have outside family or a professional context. I also have far more experience in looking after young children than any of my non christian single friends. Feels like this will be useful at some point. Oh, and people invite me round for food.	May 4, 2012 12:33 PM
957	The main positive is the very fact that I can pray to the Lord,He whom I call my Lord, our Lord, knowing that he knows everything about me and more than I know about myself.	May 4, 2012 12:26 PM
958	Lack of domestic conflict and having to account to another person for my every action.	May 4, 2012 12:25 PM
959	Better support and social network God obviously	May 4, 2012 12:20 PM
960	MAKING MY OWN CHOICES.	May 4, 2012 12:18 PM
961	It allows me the space to be available to get closer to God and figure out God's plans for my life. It allows helps me to develop and grow as an independent person.	May 4, 2012 11:31 AM
962	Have more people I can talk to when things are tough and know that I am not making decisions on my own but God is with me in all things	May 4, 2012 11:19 AM
963	many of them , they don't have HOPE for anything in life.....	May 4, 2012 11:11 AM
964	My family now I,m a widow my friends and my voluntary work with those older than I am,. I am a Christian but I feel that because I am I would not feel superior to those who are not , this is not a club , it,s a beleve in God maybe this is a way to meet those who would like to know more about Christianity,	May 4, 2012 10:58 AM
965	I do not have the pressure of cooking, cleaning for someone else at their timetable. However this does not compensate for the loneliness I feel having been married for 24 years and divorced by my husband.	May 4, 2012 10:19 AM
966	I love having my independence, but it is hard to fill the void for companionship with God when I so easily turn to things I shouldn't. My dreams about past loves haunt me still, and it seems that everyone who doesn't deserve a relationship is in a solid one, usually at my expense. I am pretty happy being single for now as I am so busy, but there is the low self-esteem niggling away at me constantly saying that if God valued me enough he would give me a boyfriend. But I don't like saying that God isn't enough for me, he is and should be.	May 4, 2012 8:56 AM
967	I can turn to God and pray when times are hard.I always have God as my father looking after me.	May 4, 2012 8:28 AM
968	I think that there are no additional positives to being a Christian single in comparison to a non-Christian single. Non-Christian singles are either better off or on the same level in terms of positives. Having said that, at least for a man, it is not a problem to be a Christian single. However, as I mentioned before, it would be easier if there were more opportunities to meet in person people of other sex: luckily, the internet is pretty good at that.	May 4, 2012 7:20 AM

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969	My non Christian friends do their own thing we just excepte each other for what we are and who we are. We all have to make choices every day. They know preays are being said for them and thank me. Also thy aske me to pray for everything that they are doing. They know God answers the preays when we/I pray for them but don't think God would ever won't to listen to them or answer their preays. They said they see God in me and belive that he will bless them. They know God forgives us and answers preays through Jesus and sends the holy spirit to to perform miricals in thir lives / situations.	May 4, 2012 6:17 AM
970	I have found truly loving and supportive friends through church, and I have felt embraced and accepted in my church. In my experience, my church is more community focussed, whereas secular society is more couple-focussed.	May 4, 2012 5:09 AM
971	Sometimes I experience the holy spirit at work in the deep places of isolation. I do have the benefit of a wide group of other single people and being able to pray with them.	May 4, 2012 5:06 AM
972	Really as above I can see my friends and family whenever I want although winter is hard as people don't go out and meet up. I am really focused on God and his plan for my life and I think I would have more pressure to take an unsuitable job if I were in a relationship whereas now with small group leaders support I am exploring chances to serve God first and look for work second which is new to me as my career always came first.	May 4, 2012 3:56 AM
973	more time and space for myself free to focus and pursue Gods calling without distraction can spend my time/holidays doing exactly what I want	May 4, 2012 3:43 AM
974	Free to express my faith verbally and time-wise. Church community is a place of friendship.	May 4, 2012 3:17 AM
975	Easy to answer: my Saviour Jesus first, last and everything!!	May 4, 2012 2:15 AM
976	being fluid and flexible with my social calendar. having the freedom to spend my time & money as i choose. the ability to sleep or wake up on my own schedule i always find things exactly where i left them quiet stress free home domesticity is my choice.	May 4, 2012 2:15 AM
977	Intimacy with God, support of Christian fellowship. Holy Spirit to share with and support me in all I do. Find my worth in God not in others or my roles. Inner peace and joy.	May 4, 2012 2:07 AM
978	I am free to make my own decisions.	May 4, 2012 1:08 AM
979	Not having to seek approval or permission, for anything	May 4, 2012 12:16 AM
980	I find it very difficult to describe positives for me in day-to-day life as a Christian single person because I feel such a sense of loss following my separation over 10 years ago and because I still feel that I have been unable to rebuild.	May 3, 2012 6:28 PM
981	Learning who I am in Christ - constantly learning	May 3, 2012 5:31 PM
982	I KNOW WHO I AM IN JESUS LOVE OF GOD GUIDES ME GOD IS WITH ME WEREVER I GO	May 3, 2012 5:00 PM
983	As described, this is a time to focus on God and be thankful for what you	May 3, 2012 3:44 PM

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	have in life- roof over your head, health, family and friends around me.	
984	Knowing that I am infinitely precious to God and that I don't have to conform to society's expectations to be of value. Hopeful, having someone you can trust even when you don't understand why things have turned out like this.	May 3, 2012 3:25 PM
985	A strong support network in the Christian community. More diverse group of friends through church, including older, wiser people. Knowing I am being prayed for. Knowing that I am never alone and can share any concerns with God in prayer.	May 3, 2012 3:06 PM
986	Have god to reply on at all times	May 3, 2012 2:25 PM
987	more time to do different activities and spend more time with friends and family	May 3, 2012 2:13 PM
988	I get to be there for friends, or jump in and help family without having to check first if I can. I can make responsible choices and decisions and know that if I get it wrong, it's only my fault. I can organise my time around as many or as few church events as I like, without being answerable to someone else. This is after having had 8 years of the opposite, so it's not necessarily a good thing.	May 3, 2012 2:07 PM
989	One the one hand my Christian faith provides a sense of mission and purpose to my life that is not dependent on my relationship status. This gives a wonderful sense of freedom and empowerment that I think people outside of the Church often miss in their lives. On the other hand I think the failure of most Churches to get to grips with cultural trends to do with sexuality/intimacy and to develop a truly Christian theology of the body harms single people by making them feel like intimate relationships are less valuable than the more 'spiritual' aspects of life, which I think people outside the Church notice and it can lead them to view Christianity as out of touch in this area.	May 3, 2012 1:49 PM
990	I am part of a church which is a supportive community mostly.	May 3, 2012 1:48 PM
991	While I can get down at times about not having someone to share my life with I do have good friends to talk to and I do have grown up children plus I know I have Someone who is always there in times of loneliness and worry. Non-christian friends don't have the security of the Lord's presence in their lives.	May 3, 2012 1:34 PM
992	Can't really think of many - perhaps an extra 'club' (i.e. group of people to mix with) that is, the Church; also the knowledge that you are talking to God when on your own, and not just to the walls.	May 3, 2012 1:25 PM
993	The church community provides support love and friendship. Knowing that God has a purpose for my life and when life has been particularly tough my prayer life and faith has sustained me.	May 3, 2012 1:20 PM
994	I have a community in which I can find companionship. I have brothers and sisters.	May 3, 2012 1:05 PM
995	Being able to talk and depend on God and my fellow christians.	May 3, 2012 1:03 PM
996	My identity is in who I am in Christ, so in terms of my life and what I do I feel fulfilled. I enjoy having the time and energy to be really involved in Youth	May 3, 2012 12:52 PM

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	work which is what God has called me to, I also really love my job in Adult Education. I do struggle terribly with being lonely and the fact I may never get to have kids but where my non-christian friends will answer this with one-night stands or having a relationship with someone who is wrong for them, I know this will only make me feel worse so I try to focus on the positive things in my life. My relationship with God is a big part of this, I don't know how people get through without Him!	
997	I have hope as a Christian, I also know God has a plan for me - however difficult things seem to be at times.	May 3, 2012 12:48 PM
998	Having faith in God, I do not feel as lonely as someone without that assurance.	May 3, 2012 12:33 PM
999	I have a church family closer to me than my birth family. I can contact a variety of Christian friends for advice and company when I choose. Christian friends make no sexual advances and understand a moral code of conduct in terms of honesty and purity of language.	May 3, 2012 12:31 PM
1000	I have hope in Jesus. I know He is looking after me and is in control. I have some wonderful single Christian friends who I mix with and are a huge encouragement to me. I have gone out of my way to nurture a network of single christian friends to help me cope. We share articles, books and scripture that help us on our way.	May 3, 2012 12:16 PM
1001	*Freedom to do what you want, not being tied down to someone else. *Spending quality time with God on my own.	May 3, 2012 11:43 AM
1002	We share the same problems of loneliness, but they are free to have casual relationships whereas Christians have stricter rules to follow. There are more non Christian singles than Christians.	May 3, 2012 11:42 AM
1003	I think there are lots of advantages to being single such as the freedom and independence just as there are advantages to being married such as sharing and companionship. There are also disadvantages to both. This needs to be balanced, but when I was in Church as a single it felt like they didn't want me to have the advantages of being single, they continuously demanded my time and energy. They also treated me like a child who needed to answer to them and ask their permission.so the advantages of independence and freedom were stolen and I was left with only the disadvantages.	May 3, 2012 11:36 AM
1004	I have peace and a church family around me as well as my family. I have had support from them all but it doesn't cover all aspects of life as my answers above show.	May 3, 2012 11:35 AM
1005	None	May 3, 2012 11:25 AM
1006	hope, if i never marry at least i go to heaven, focus to life in terms of mission/ministry	May 3, 2012 11:25 AM
1007	Freedom to choose what do and buy, etc	May 3, 2012 11:13 AM
1008	Being involved in a church means that I often have things to do in the evenings, and friends to spend time with, so I am not spending all my time at home on my own. In 3 years since I moved to my current town, I have only made 2 close friends that are not through my church (compared to 10-20 close friends from church) and I can't imagine how I would have made more	May 3, 2012 11:13 AM

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	friends as a non-Christian.	
1009	Not wanting to drink, do drugs or live an immoral lifestyle means that I question all the time where I will go and whom I will socialise with, not easy. Non christian men seem fickle, and unreliable and not good company.	May 3, 2012 10:55 AM
1010	I feel part of a caring family. I'm often being called upon to do things within the church which I like. I feel I am valued as a person. Some of my friends who are not Christians envy me having so many friends and often come to the socials we have and outings. I pray for them in the hope that they will one day attend church.	May 3, 2012 10:52 AM
1011	flexability,choice in many areas of life	May 3, 2012 10:35 AM
1012	I do have more support, love and social opportunities than some of them do because the church offers community.	May 3, 2012 10:17 AM
1013	Church provides an extra 'family' that non-Christians don't have	May 3, 2012 10:03 AM
1014	My faith of course - however this has nothing to do with being single - I can rely on Jesus to help me in difficult situations at work and ask him to help me do the right thing etc..	May 3, 2012 9:59 AM
1015	My relationship with the Lord gives me companionship and purpose. I love spending time walking & praying and on retreat. I am confident and outward-going and make friends easily. I am fortunate to live in a private road where all 25 households get on well. I don't rely on church-going friends but am pleased to see them when I meet them in town, for example. I have time and freedom to be involved in town issues and to have a wide circle of friends, many of them Christian. Being a Christian does not give instant fellowship with others and some find my more contemplative church-going and more liberal theology threatening! This though is more attractive to my non-church (uncommitted in faith) friends who are also on a spiritual journey outside church.	May 3, 2012 9:42 AM
1016	Freedom to do things when I want to. Ability to go round and see someone if help.out with something at the drop of a hat. Able to volunteer to do things without consulting with someone. Not feeling insecure aboutvs relationship	May 3, 2012 9:27 AM
1017	I live a very carefree life, in that I do what I want to do when I want, control my own remote and my own budget, and perhaps most of all, have the space to grow spiritually. I know I am fortunate because I have a strong extended family. I am very rarely lonely.	May 3, 2012 9:11 AM
1018	Right now I'm not sure that there is much difference. Which is sad I suppose. I guess that I can chat with God if/when I want and they can't yet.	May 3, 2012 9:08 AM
1019	I belong to a caring community. I have a support system that transcends dirfference.	May 3, 2012 8:45 AM
1020	Have more time to pray and study the bible and can be more singleminded about my job.	May 3, 2012 8:31 AM
1021	I love talking to God throughout the day and He's always there for me :)	May 3, 2012 8:08 AM
1022	Freedoms I enjoy, time to think and pray and make plans, and be free to see friends and family when they need me.	May 3, 2012 7:31 AM

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1023	I can't think of any.	May 3, 2012 7:27 AM
1024	I do have purpose in my life, and in addition I know I have the comfort of prayer and Bible reading.	May 3, 2012 7:18 AM
1025	Time for peace, quiet and to spend with God alone. Times to choose when I want to be alone and when I want to be with others. Freedom to choose where to go on holiday when and with whom	May 3, 2012 6:45 AM
1026	make all my decisions, have a god who I believe is my guide, and has plans for me	May 3, 2012 6:29 AM
1027	Knowing that I have God, who loves me more than any human being ever could, is more important than I could describe. Although He has allowed many truly horrific events during the course of my life, having the knowledge that Jesus Christ is my Saviour gives me a deep peace which I don't perceive in my non-Christian single friends. There is a void in each human being which cries out to be filled - I believe that it's God-shaped and those who reject Him will never be able to fill it with anything else. I hurt for those who do not share that belief.	May 3, 2012 6:28 AM
1028	I don't make friends easily & 20 years a Xtian leaves me saying I don't have any non-Xtian friends!!!!	May 3, 2012 6:08 AM
1029	My non Christian single friends/work colleagues (I have very few or hardly any non Christian friends - not thru choice), appear to have more of a social life than my Christian single friends or single people I know, which is quite alarming considering what the bible teaches re 'never stop meeting up and building each other up' which non Christians appear to do this more so than Christian singles!!! Gosh, i've never really considered this till now!!	May 3, 2012 5:57 AM
1030	can focus more fully on God and therefore feel less distracted	May 3, 2012 5:19 AM
1031	Being able to eat what and when I want to. Being able to adjust my day to day life doing what I want to at any particular time Adjusting my sleep pattern when I want to. Seeing whom ever I want to see or not see Doing housework, laundry, chores when I want to do them. Able to participate in any particular hobby at any time.	May 3, 2012 5:17 AM
1032	I think I am more aware and informed about external issues eg: poverty third world etc. I can to a certain extent try out unusual holidays eg: bird watching; creative writing. Maybe more aware of the depths of human nature? kindness; creativity etc.	May 3, 2012 4:59 AM
1033	I feel that God has a wife selected for me but I might not yet be in a position to receive her and be blessed by that portion so my time of singleness is to prepare me to receive that blessing	May 3, 2012 4:48 AM
1034	Gives me the opportunity to make a decision on the spot about attending a christian program or function without having to consult anyone	May 3, 2012 4:31 AM
1035	help in the community	May 3, 2012 4:29 AM
1036	Been able to make decisions although I now always think of my parents so I am not self centred or selfish,!! Never got to that stage in life. I wish!!!! Do not have a bad husband!! Have no possessive husband to dominate me or that makes bad decisions.!!	May 3, 2012 3:33 AM

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1037	I worry less about many things including lack of money and little pension. I recovered faster from my divorce. I more quickly adjusted to being single and finding the positives in it.	May 3, 2012 3:25 AM
1038	HavngGod to be myhusband.	May 3, 2012 3:18 AM
1039	I live the best live i can i have a daughter who needs me i have had the sole responsibility of her life as her Father passed away. I continue to find this is a challenging thing for me. But i constanly pray about everthig we do and everthing we are both going to do in both our lives i feel so amazingly blessed to have god in my life and my Daughters life we attend our Church regullary together and i feel a great sense of calm knowing that God is listening to me as i live my life amen.	May 3, 2012 2:28 AM
1040	As I was married for 21 years and my late husband died of medical negligence and also the loss of my child 6 weeks later after her father and bringing up my son on my own I have found that I have lost that support that I had before in many ways. Emotional, financial and practically.	May 3, 2012 2:21 AM
1041	do what I want. leave things as I wish no nagging (sorry, points for improvement being show that I am cared about and can do better). spend the money I have on me not sharing wating or having to accomadate anoter so much, free time more choice no need for a pass! not as tierd more time to look after me. socaisl with who I want when. free time to do hobbies no family visits doing the family thing mamangeing inaws not all get on. oportuniy to servre not impacting on others	May 3, 2012 2:18 AM
1042	There is a far greater feeling of companionship for a Christian as you are never truly alone as long as God is with you. The Holy Spirit's comforting and care makes up for a lot of the lack of the same from a partner. There is also the feeling that God may have a partner planned for you, or at least a happy single future planned that will make you just as happy as you would be if you were married. This is very reassuring	May 3, 2012 2:14 AM
1043	I've more money, I'm not worry about paying a morgage. I'm not in any domestic fights. I'm not second guessing what to do to keep my girlfriend happy. No danger of STDs. I don't have to worry about cooking & meals for another. I get my weekends free for what social things (films/trips) I want.	May 3, 2012 1:23 AM
1044	Not having others to consider in terms of being available (subject to work of course)	May 3, 2012 1:02 AM
1045	I have freedom to do what I like and make plans for myself.	May 2, 2012 11:40 PM
1046	No idea where to begin with this question, sorry.	May 2, 2012 9:33 PM
1047	Non christians either have friends with ' benefits' or have gained confidence through socialising and dating without the burden of being judged by the church..... i am looking at it all about face now as i am still single but lost confidence due to this although some non christians say my singleness was a waste...i feel a lack of self worth...but YOU the church will say my worth comes from Christ and as we are christians we are never alone or lonely...I totally disagree though as GOD made Adam for Eve and Eve for Adam...	May 2, 2012 7:40 PM
1048	I am never ever alone. I have always got him to talk to. He is never too busy to pick up my call, or to give me a hug. He always smiles when i tell him what my daughter has done. I know he sits and waits for me to finally realise im	May 2, 2012 5:53 PM

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	<p>talking daft again. I spend precious time with him as i walk or sit or ride on the bus. sometimes im not sure that it could get better than this. I travel on my own sometimes and it feels like flying. I am as free as a bird and my own woman, yet i know im safe, and loved and i have a future and a God who will never leave me. As the song says, i can sing in the troubled times, sing when i win, i can sing when i lose my step and fall down again. I can sing with my last breath, sing cos i know, that ille sing with the angels and the saints around your throne! Ive never seen non christian single friends with that assurance. I am so lucky!</p>	
1049	<p>"Peace I give unto you". Jesus gives us peace, but not as the world gives peace: we have the calm assurance that ultimately we will reign with Jesus our Lord and King. This is true whether we are single or married: in this there is no difference. Besides this assurance, our relationship with Christ, nothing else matters.</p>	May 2, 2012 5:24 PM
1050	<p>As a very active 73 year old I still have that desire to meet someone who would love me for who I am and be able to spend the rest of our days together.</p>	May 2, 2012 4:11 PM
1051	<p>Eh?</p>	May 2, 2012 4:09 PM
1052	<p>Everything is different and nothing is different. We live our lives - none of us go around trying to find a partner all day. I guess the only difference I can think of is that I'm OK with the thought of living out my days alone because Christians are never alone and without faith I can see how somebody would feel alone.</p>	May 2, 2012 4:08 PM
1053	<p>Knowing I can pray to God and He is there anytime is a great comfort to me. Also, not having to necessarily be in a relationship as a lot of my non-Christian single friends see it. It's also more likely that the guy I end up with (because I'm looking for a Christian) will be more committed to me ultimately.</p>	May 2, 2012 4:06 PM
1054	<p>I guess the freedom to do what I want .. but that said, Ive done that for enogh time now and awant / need someone special to devote myself to</p>	May 2, 2012 3:48 PM
1055	<p>I know God has His hand upon me. Wow! He wants the best for me. My non Christian friends don't have that assurance/guidance. God is always there for me even though I don't have a boyfriend/husband. I'm accepted and part of a large network/family at church...I'm not alone in that sense. I have regular activities going on through my church. Ultimately I would LOVE more than anything to be with someone and married with my own family but have to accept that if this is not what God wants then it is not best for me!</p>	May 2, 2012 3:43 PM
1056	<p>I am happy that I am not looking for my partner in a club/bar/pub amongst drunken people. I don't live for the nights out on weekends. I don't have short relationships based on sex/one-night stands, which to me must make people feel even more lonely. I am not expected to walk around in revealing clothes (although Christian men probably look just as much on the outside as non-Christians do, at least when first meeting someone)</p>	May 2, 2012 3:42 PM
1057	<p>I thnk my faith helps me to cope with my singleness. Sometimes I feel that my relationship with Jesus fulfills the needs I have for intimacy - but not always. I think it is harder having had that level of intimacy in marriage before and losing it, but being single now has made me rely on God so much more. As a Christian I also have a daily sense of purpose, a sense that the wordly is not all there is. The here and now is not as important as the world</p>	May 2, 2012 3:42 PM

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	would like us to believe it is - we have heavenly goals and purposes that have an everlasting effect and me being fulfilled or having a relationship (my own selfish needs) are really not that great in the grand scheme of things in heavenly terms.	
1058	I'm pretty content, and feel assured of God's love. I'm more settled than they are, I don't feel my life is on hold	May 2, 2012 3:40 PM
1059	Can house / cat sit for friends at a moments notice. Time and money my own so can be spontaneous.	May 2, 2012 3:33 PM
1060	For me the biggest thing is I feel so very loved by God.I have a big network of friends.	May 2, 2012 3:32 PM
1061	As a Christian I know that I am the bride in the ultimate wedding - even if I never marry I know that I am part of what earthly marriage is only a pale imitation pointing towards! I have a purpose in life which is the same whether or not I have marriage and children - this was really brought home to me when a non-Christian friends described her life as being without purpose in comparison to friends who have children to focus on - she is married as it happens but the point remains.	May 2, 2012 3:24 PM
1062	Purpose. My being single isn't a waiting room, whereas many I know who are not Christians feel that they have to be in a relationship. Since my recent relationship began, I have realised the depth and closeness of my relationship with God, because I recognise the feelings I have for the other person are similar to those I have for God. Sounds strange, but God is personal and relational, so it's not really all that strange!	May 2, 2012 3:18 PM
1063	I know where I am going in life! Faith in Jesus is the pearl of great worth and a huge privilege because it gives ultimate purpose and direction to life.	May 2, 2012 3:16 PM
1064	I feel that my Christian friends share their family life with me in a generous way. I have a brood of godchildren who are a delight. Being a Christian gives me a different perspective on singleness from some of my non-Christian friends. I believe that human relationships are not what make us whole. The purpose of life is not marriage and children - though these can be a wonderful blessing from God. My life is therefore not wasted or less meaningful if I never marry/ have a relationship.	May 2, 2012 3:12 PM
1065	As a Christian I trust that God has plans for my life on a daily basis and longer into the future. I still believe that I am not meant to be single and claim that promise. I have a full life being single and actively participate in church life. I have watched my only non christian friend really struggle with being 40 and single.	May 2, 2012 3:01 PM
1066	Jesus is my husband in a very real way. I can have intimacy with him that a non-Christian couldn't even imagine possible (and may be a lot of Christians neither!). I can focus my love on Jesus and my heavenly Dad and am not in danger of being tempted to love a human husband more than God. As I've never been married I'm not sure how I would handle this. I feel so privileged to have true Christian friends I can share my life with, talk about everything, pray together with, be loved by and love back. It seems much more difficult for non-Christians to find and build such deep friendships. Especially as I don't have blood related family in this country, my church family is my only family here. It is so good that I can be real with my Christian friends. I don't have to pretend or brag, trying to impress in order to be accepted. There is	May 2, 2012 2:54 PM

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unconditional love. Where do you find that in non-Christian circles?
 Compared to non-Christian singles, I have a purpose in life. I want to help bring in a harvest of souls into my Dad's kingdom. All my 47 years of singleness have helped to shape me and prepare me for this brilliant task. I'm currently not working as I'm taking some time out, but I am not feeling down about it or of little worth as so many unemployed non-Christians do, especially when they live on their own. There is a purpose in my life that goes far beyond a job.

1067	I do have more time to serve God in those areas where he has gifted me. I don't have to get meals ready for someone else and can eat how and when I choose. I can go to bed when I choose and don't have to consult someone else about decisions - although there are times when I would like someone else to make those decisions. I can choose my friends and spend time with them without being concerned about a husband and how he feels about those friends. Decisions about how I budget are purely my choice and I appreciate having that autonomy. I am able to choose the music and TV programmes I want without having to accommodate someone else's choices. The same applies to choice of holidays, but it would be good to have someone to go with!	May 2, 2012 2:52 PM
1068	All close friends are married or single Christians	May 2, 2012 2:49 PM
1069	I am able to share personal struggles with close friends, and they can pray for me, which can be very reassuring. This is still possible even though I don't have a girlfriend or spouse. Generally, friends can pray for less personal things e.g. academic stresses. This makes me feel very supported and loved. Non-Christians do not have this blessing. I know that God always loves me, and he 'will take great delight in [me], he will quiet [me] with his love, he will exult over [me] with loud singing' (Zeph 3:17). What an amazing God we have!!	May 2, 2012 2:47 PM
1070	I have a church family of people that I trust and can feel "at home" with, and know that in an emergency, I will always have someone to rely on. I also have peace about my future and know that God is in control, and that He watches over my children. A number of Christian men "Dad" my kids from time to time - some consciously, others not.	May 2, 2012 2:47 PM
1071	I am a single parent so the answers above are difficult. I feel I have an intimate relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit I believe Jesus is my best friend and my rock and with Him I am strong and never alone. I think I have a different perception of being a single person to the person who wrote the questionnaire. The positives are that I can work long anti-social hours writing or reading when my daughter is asleep in bed. I do not think a husband would tolerate that. I also like to pray a lot and I don't know whether a husband would understand that, or whether he would understand that Jesus is at my centre, which would be very sad.	May 2, 2012 2:45 PM
1072	Peace of mind, no one giving me a hard time.	May 2, 2012 2:38 PM
1073	I know that whatever God has planned for me is for my wellbeing and who am I to argue with that? If it's his will to bring along someone, then fine, if not, then fine.	May 2, 2012 2:37 PM
1074	without Christ in my life i couldn,t survive.God is the reason i live.i believe He has someone special out there for me.My non-christians friends have no problems being with men they,re not married to or having a sexual	May 2, 2012 2:37 PM

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	relationship with them.them have a differant out look on life than i do.i know the choices i make for my life r right for me as a christian and that God will honor these choices	
1075	I can devote time to friends and not feel I have to consider someone who may disagree or feel resentful. I have a different life different richness. Sad that we can spend so much time hung up about being single as opposed to passionate about the lost and dying. We could together achieve so much if we all channeled our energy time and life through God. Need to stop and think, accept freindship and care for one another.	May 2, 2012 2:32 PM
1076	I always have God with me	May 2, 2012 2:24 PM
1077	I can spend time doing things I like ie. study, artistic craft, without thinking about anyone else. I can plan to spend my money as I want - planned & special interests I can spend time in serving God - but I think i could do this as a person in a dating/married relationship.	May 2, 2012 2:21 PM
1078	I beleive the church is a family and although i live alone beleive that I am loved and cared for and always have someone to call on if in need. Also I am never alone because whatever I am doing God is with me.	May 2, 2012 2:17 PM
1079	I have peace of mind that if God wants me to be in a relationship then it will happen.But currently I am happy being single. I think my faith makes me more relaxed and I'm not inpatiently waiting for 'the right one'	May 2, 2012 2:15 PM
1080	I have someone who I can talk to and who understands how I feel, and I can pray into the situation when I need to.	May 2, 2012 2:08 PM
1081	At leaset I can (try and) rest in the knowledge God holds my future and loves me as a daughter.	May 2, 2012 2:00 PM
1082	knowing that God is ultimately in control of my life	May 2, 2012 1:59 PM
1083	Being a single Christian woman gives me the freedom to be myself and to make decisions without someone else influencing or challenging those decisions. I enjoy having control over my money and time but would find it good to have a partner to share my social life and go places with.	May 2, 2012 1:55 PM
1084	freedom independence no one to please etc	May 2, 2012 1:52 PM
1085	Because I know Christ I feel content and can accept the 'trial's' of life and trust for the future.	May 2, 2012 1:52 PM
1086	All my friends are married or partners,I was married hapily for 27 years so understand marriage, sharing, now also widowhood, loneliness, apart from church , and schools work no time to socialize.Men in school are lovely, great, a frenchman in france asked me out and found it funny that no man in 11 years in uk had asked me out !! He cried on the way for a meal as he,d had a rotten 20 years... so knew he needed a friend to cry on, not a adate... Maybe if I hung out in the pubs I may get a date. Many have baggage so maybe I,m meant to stay single, and free.	May 2, 2012 1:52 PM
1087	Having God in my live has increased my self esteem and self worth some non christian singles struggle with these issues and run a round with out direction.	May 2, 2012 1:42 PM

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1088	All we need - love, protection, we can get from God. Knowing that maybe God wants us to be single - more purpose than non -christian	May 2, 2012 1:38 PM
1089	Knowing that I have God who can help me when things get too much for me. I also know that by abiding by God's rules, which are there for my protection, he has the best for me.	May 2, 2012 1:15 PM
1090	If I wasn't a christian, I would go to places where single non christian people go. I would go out on weekends with single friends. I would look at men as attractive, fun. Instead the criteria has to first and foremost be their faith, everything else would follow. As yet there is no one out there in my age group and with my faith.	May 2, 2012 1:15 PM
1091	Not sure	May 2, 2012 1:11 PM
1092	a personal relationship with God	May 2, 2012 1:07 PM
1093	I am able to trust God for the things I might be fearful of. I am able to be content because I have learned that everything I really want is found in God anyway. I have found it can be exciting to see what God does to meet my needs...surprises he sends my way..from a gift to a beautiful sunset...all seem like gifts from a lover or close friend.	May 2, 2012 1:07 PM
1094	I am not committed to needing to discuss lifestyle, options, decisions with someone else and am free to go out as and when I want. Not tied down to family.	May 2, 2012 1:04 PM
1095	Can pray or listen to Christian music when I want	May 2, 2012 1:00 PM
1096	Freedom Time with God and to give to other charity projects	May 2, 2012 12:59 PM
1097	My friends will sometimes say that they are very lonely. I find that as a Christian single person, I know that I am not alone as I have Jesus with me wherever I go. I have found a lot of peace by listening to the song "What A Friend I've Found" over and over again. As a Christian, I know that I am never alone and there is always someone with me, whereas, I find my non-Christian single friends struggle as they do not know Jesus as their Saviour.	May 2, 2012 12:57 PM
1098	feel let down by god, as if he has forgotten me,	May 2, 2012 12:56 PM
1099	I've got a community of friends around me, who are a really mixed group - from older married couples to younger families with young kids, and other singles my age and younger. I don't think many non-Christians have such a wide and varied friendship group, it's like being part of a big family.	May 2, 2012 12:55 PM
1100	Can find purpose and meaning in service and helping others Challenge to depend on and trust God more	May 2, 2012 12:55 PM
1101	I have hope in Christ and know that inspite of the difficulties I can at least share them with Him knowing He understands how difficult singleness is for some of us	May 2, 2012 12:49 PM
1102	More sleep (no kids etc)/ less conflict/ more time for things I like doing	May 2, 2012 12:37 PM
1103	Due to what Jesus Christ did for me, I feel loved and treasured now and have Heaven to look forward to, my non-Christian friends (and family members) do not. Being single or being married is irrelevant.	May 2, 2012 12:37 PM

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1104	Of the people I'm thinking of - they seem a bit like me - so no big difference once differences in personality are taken into account. In the past though I have known people under a cloud who desperately want a relationship and they never seem to work well - better to accept who I am and accept what life throws at me.	May 2, 2012 12:36 PM
1105	I don't think there are any positives.	May 2, 2012 12:36 PM
1106	I have a good support network of caring friends. I have the comfort of knowing and calling on god.	May 2, 2012 12:27 PM
1107	I feel that I am not alone. There is someone supporting me in my day to day life	May 2, 2012 12:26 PM
1108	-----	May 2, 2012 12:26 PM
1109	I'm not alone in my life because God is with me and with him I can go even through hard times. I can trust him to help me to find a good husband and also to enjoy my singleness. I think the singleness is a very good opportunity God gave us for preparation for marriage and also to draw closer to God because there is no one else you can be so close and intimate with. It's the time to let God change us more into his character. I think that if people can't be satisfied while they are still single they are not ready to get married. Only if God is first in our lives could we have a blessed marriage. The husband or wife is not the one who will give us happiness and satisfaction and who will meet our deepest needs. Only God will.	May 2, 2012 12:25 PM
1110	Not having to rely on somebody else and having freedom with time.	May 2, 2012 12:19 PM
1111	I appreciate having significant amounts of time for reading and study. I appreciate being able to invest in the lives of many people, without binding them to me in return. I appreciate solitude and time for reflection. I appreciate the possibilities that singleness presents for the pursuit of friendship.	May 2, 2012 12:19 PM
1112	Relationship with God! I know deep down that God has a perfect plan for my life and that includes marriage but sometimes it is hard to be on your own especially when all your friends are married. My faith is what keeps me going through the good an bad times, I can't imagine my life without God.	May 2, 2012 12:15 PM
1113	It is good to have my independence and living alone has made me a stronger person. I don't have to answer to anyone or let anyone know when I am working late etc. All choices about my house are mine to make without compromise.	May 2, 2012 12:14 PM
1114	My non Christian friends seem to be "living the life", get in there, get stuck in as you only have one life. They appear to be on a crazy road and cannot see life for what it really is. People tend to abuse others in their quest for happiness.	May 2, 2012 12:02 PM
1115	I suppose my worth comes from God not how sexually attractive I am. I think there is an inherent assumption within culture that I am somehow deficient unless someone else finds me attractive. Most stories reflect this from Esther in the Bible to Pride and Prejudice. This is a battle I still fight but at least I can identify that is why I feel crap sometimes and can take it to God. Christian singles look to each other for support and are more open to analysing their lives and how to change them to embrace more of God's	May 2, 2012 12:02 PM

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	<p>wholeness. I think sexuality is a problematic area for singles. In the secular world it would be easy for me to have a satisfying physical sex life but the emotional repercussions would be complex. As a christian I am probably less damaged and more thought through in that area but trying to be celibate in this era is difficult and the church WILL NOT engage properly with this - especially with regard to women.</p>	
1116	<p>It is relatively stress free - no emotional roller-coaster that intimate relationships can bring. Saving money! Don't have to spend money on travelling to visit partner, keep contact or do things together and get presents etc.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:54 AM
1117	<p>I feel more able to relax in the evening after work, and am grateful not to have somebody else to demand anything of me, as I also work voluntarily as a counsellor and have a lot of people leaning on me. I appreciate quietness in the evening and peace. When I dated last year I found myself drawn into more human things, that I enjoy feeling free of now. I've learned to be happy with my own company and to define myself by how God sees me rather than a spouse.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:45 AM
1118	<p>Time to spend with God Opportunity to regularly go on mission trips Having time to get alongside marginalised folk</p>	May 2, 2012 11:43 AM
1119	<p>I can pray as and when I want to. I can offer to help at church when I want or at short notice. I believe God is in control of my life and this brings me comfort. I also have God in my life and He is who I turn to in times of trouble or happy times.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:41 AM
1120	<p>I have an excellent group of my friends, with whom I can share and pray and I have a God who listens to me. I have no idea how my not yet Christian friends cope on a day to day basis without having someone to pray to and support them through thier life.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:40 AM
1121	<p>Constant relationship with God - prayer throughout the day Daily commitment of begining and end of day, knowing that God understands and is there before me Choosing who to speak to in certain situations of either difficulty or celebration Not needing to fill my time with earthly pursuits Not needing to spend my money on these things either, in order to fill a gap Confidence in myself has grown since being single again - that has been completely God's doing - confidence now is greater than confidence again. This is not a superficial self-confidence, but a deeper optimism and hope - my non-Christian single friends don't have that Full reliance on God has developed my faith, and I have had new spiritual experiences to affirm me in God</p>	May 2, 2012 11:39 AM
1122	<p>As a single Christian I do not feel lonely as I have a personal relationship with God. I do feel valued and have confidence because of my faith. I feel it is difficult to date as many non Christians have a very free attitude towards unmarried sex and many non Christians sleep with a new partner very early on in a relationship. Non-Christians do seem more desperate to meet someone than my Christian single friends.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:37 AM
1123	<p>non-Christian single friends? I have plenty of non-Christian friends, they're not single though.</p>	May 2, 2012 11:35 AM
1124	<p>Most of my non Christian single friends have kids so my life is simpler and cheaper than theirs. I also don't have the regrets that they do about</p>	May 2, 2012 11:34 AM

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	relationships with terrible men!	
1125	Lack of ties or commitments to other people, lack of responsibility for how other people feel and that prevents it impacting on me in a negative way. More time to devote to my children.	May 2, 2012 11:29 AM
1126	I don't really see any huge differences	May 2, 2012 11:26 AM
1127	Single or married, the differences are the same between me and non-Christian friends re spiritual and long-term matters, death, security, worry, ultimate purpose etc etc. I am never lonely, although physically alone. I would rather face the future unmarried with God than in any other way.	May 2, 2012 11:21 AM
1128	Well you can please yourself most of the time though you have to watch you don't get selfish. Not having to cook for anyone else or cater for their food quirks is a plus, though it's nice to entertain. I find I don't get invited out for meals as much as a single person as I used to when I was married.	May 2, 2012 11:17 AM
1129	I think knowing God gives you confidence and a feeling of peace so I do not feel that I desperately need to meet someone. I do not feel lonely either because I feel God's presence in my life. Because of my faith I could not enter into a sexual relationship with a new partner and many single non-Christians do not have a problem with having sex with a new boy/girlfriend very early on in the relationship. I think non-Christians really feel there is something wrong with them if they do not have a partner.	May 2, 2012 11:16 AM
1130	I can work at my online ministry as long and as late as I like, because I have no-one else to think of.	May 2, 2012 11:14 AM
1131	I have Christ in my life to help me and my non-Christian friends dont.	May 2, 2012 11:12 AM
1132	Free to choose when to go somewhere and with whom. Don't have to plan anything. Can worship when and how I want and this is not questioned as oppose to being in a relationship with a non-Christian. Peace and no conflicts at home.	May 2, 2012 11:11 AM
1133	I can pray and read the Bible in bed for as long as I like. I can talk to the children about God freely.	May 2, 2012 11:08 AM
1134	The church is an extension of my family, with support and companionship if I need it.	May 2, 2012 10:57 AM
1135	I spend most of my time as a single either going to Life groups/church meetings/Youth events/Hosting at church, while some friends and colleagues often tell me of wild parties, drinking and sex. Choice of holidays etc also assume a different meaning, to me it's a break from work, for others a way to try everything possible to lose your mind. I do not enjoy drinking / drugs anyway, so I don't tend to miss it, but intimacy with a man in my life can surely be a problem later on, as I said I am very thoughtful (according to others) and I miss those little things typical of a relationship. Maybe everyone including me is in love with the idea of love portrayed in movies etc.	May 2, 2012 10:56 AM
1136	Church family, Christian friends I can relate to, God to turn to for help and guidance, a sense of purpose, a reason to live.	May 2, 2012 10:45 AM
1137	A vision of eternity and to know that the Lord knows me.	May 2, 2012 10:41 AM

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1138	Freedom of choice, independent to follow my own desires (hopefully Godly), never have had to worry about children - especially their health & education.	May 2, 2012 10:40 AM
1139	I am able to do what I need to do without having to consult anyone. On the other hand when there is an issue that I need to seek advice about it can sometime be difficult to get an objective view. As the people I consult aren't in my "shoes" at that exact moment. It may take longer to make the right decision.	May 2, 2012 10:39 AM
1140	Freedom to come and go as you please. cook when you like, eat out when you can afford it.	May 2, 2012 10:34 AM
1141	This was covered on the previous page really.	May 2, 2012 10:31 AM
1142	I am free to worship as and when I want, and to attend any courses I want. I have a close group of friends within church and I am often included in other families outings and we all holiday together	May 2, 2012 10:31 AM
1143	Can do what I want with my time, don't have to share the bathroom or the bed, can choose what I eat and when (most days) but sometimes I have no energy to make decisions even about what I feel like eating and whilst I can spend all disposable income on things I want it can feel selfish and wrong to spoil yourself even though the household income is not spent by someone else to buy me a present for my birthday or take me for an anniversary meal. Up and down sides to all of it really, you play the hand you are dealt	May 2, 2012 10:28 AM
1144	Hope beyond life takes away a lot of the discomfort of having a single life on earth.	May 2, 2012 10:28 AM
1145	non	May 2, 2012 10:27 AM
1146	The ability to pray for people and situations Knowing God's forgiveness when I get it wrong	May 2, 2012 10:27 AM
1147	It can be difficult doing things alone. I don't like doing things on my own. However, it is nice to have the freedom to do what I like. Most of all I am glad I don't have a baby. I cannot imagine anything worse. Do not really have any non Christian single friends to compare to.	May 2, 2012 10:26 AM
1148	I have God! I see him at work every day guiding me, answering prayers. My non-Christian friends have nothing to fall back on if something awful happens. They are curious about what makes me tick and that they cannot compartmentalise me as a sporty, independent Christian. I have a positive approach to life and keep my negative thoughts to myself nearly all the time. I have been through far more than most people and I think it surprises people a lot when/if I do open up! God has a great sense of humour and wants the best for me.	May 2, 2012 10:25 AM
1149	Being able to plan my own time and do the things I feel I want to and am called to. Glad I didn't marry someone when I was younger, before I was ready. I love spending time with a group of friends (male and female), it's good fun and would probably be totally different if I had a boyfriend. My family need support at the moment and my Dad is terminally ill, so I have time to spend with them without having conflicting arrangements. I also love my job and that and my family are currently my main priorities.	May 2, 2012 10:24 AM
1150	I can spend weeks every summer volunteering abroad in orphanages,	May 2, 2012 10:13 AM

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	children homes or schools.	
1151	I cannot contemplate life without my Christian faith My faith gives me hope	May 2, 2012 10:11 AM
1152	Non-single Christian women are meeting men on the internet who are after sex and they are getting more hurt than Christian women are who do not give themselves physically so freely.	May 2, 2012 10:09 AM
1153	it's difficult to find a soul mate that fit's my needed	May 2, 2012 10:08 AM
1154	Church gives me a feeling of belonging, a feeling that members matter to one another.	May 2, 2012 10:08 AM
1155	Most people my age are (or appear to be to me) married or with a partner, whether Christian or not.	May 2, 2012 10:06 AM
1156	Can be praying, worshipping, studying at all times of the day or night. Can go off on some kind of Holy Spirit instigated mission at a very short notice. Can serve in the marketplace according to my own bent. Can be as generous as I like. Can choose what do on a Sunday morning.	May 2, 2012 10:00 AM
1157	Faith and hope for the future	May 2, 2012 9:59 AM
1158	I can pray to God about any problems I have, something my single non Christian can't do.	May 2, 2012 9:56 AM
1159	I know that I still have a close knit Christian family who will pick me up if I feel low.	May 2, 2012 9:54 AM
1160	I think that the relationships I have with my single Christian friends are much closer than they would be between non-Christians.	May 2, 2012 9:49 AM
1161	i dont think i could compare myself to all of my nonchristian friends pray and read the bible is that the answer your looking for	May 2, 2012 9:49 AM
1162	I am able to pray anytime. I am able to do what God has laid on my heart to do without restriction.	May 2, 2012 9:45 AM
1163	There is support that comes from having good friends at church who can pray through things that are difficult in terms of being single. People tend to be encouraging if I speak to them about it. Also I can trust in God for provision etc although that can be really hard and sometimes an extra burden if you feel you are not doing well at it - non Christians wouldnt have to worry about that!	May 2, 2012 9:43 AM
1164	The only things I can think of is I've been spared unwanted pregnancy and visits to the GUM clinic.	May 2, 2012 9:41 AM
1165	HE holds me up!	May 2, 2012 9:34 AM
1166	My non-Christian friends are mostly married; some of my Christian friends are single. Positives for me are knowing the rules I have for dating and relationships - eg no sex outside marriage, no dating men who are in a relationship, honesty, etc; it gives me boundaries. I know God doesn't love me less (or more) for being single, nor do I feel condemned for my divorce; I tried very hard to make my marriage work.	May 2, 2012 9:31 AM

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1167	I can look to God for help and comfort when singleness is hard. I know life is not just about our personal circumstances being as we would choose in this life, but about building the Kingdom and investing in things that are eternal. I also don't believe I'm called to be single for ever so still look to my good, loving, wise and powerful God to answer my prayers for a husband.	May 2, 2012 9:29 AM
1168	It is not that different to non-Christian friends. It is how you behave and react with others. How you treat people, How you help people. One atheist friend was in my book a feal Christain.	May 2, 2012 9:28 AM
1169	I am nowhere near as alone as they are. I have Jesus always with me, and the amazing supportive family of the body of Christ at church. I know that I'm loved.	May 2, 2012 9:18 AM
1170	I have christian friends at my church though they are mostly in couples and we meet only at church activities ,My family and most of my friends are not christians. I feel that being single, I have more in common with my non christian single friends as they understand the challenges and feelings of being single. It's like being on a different planet, and I feel more supported by them.	May 2, 2012 9:18 AM
1171	Can pray all the time I'm at home or driving.	May 2, 2012 9:12 AM
1172	I don't have any non-Christian single friends	May 2, 2012 9:12 AM
1173	I don't really see it as a positive thing, my church is unhelpful and I feel my non-christian single friends have much more fun as they can pretty much do what they like, when they like.	May 2, 2012 8:57 AM
1174	No boy/girl relationship problems. More spare time to do the things I need/want to do.	May 2, 2012 8:56 AM
1175	I don't rely on another person to fulfil my emotional needs and support because I know that God is far more reliable than another person. This life isn't the be-all and end-all so I don't live as though this is all there is	May 2, 2012 8:53 AM
1176	I don't have to worry about another person. I think more about myself and God because I don't have the distraction of dating (and its difficulties)	May 2, 2012 8:53 AM
1177	Christians accept me more than non- christians	May 2, 2012 8:51 AM
1178	The love of God! The love and support of my church, the meaning it gives to my life as I am involved in outreach.	May 2, 2012 8:47 AM
1179	Unlike my non-christian friends I have hope that God has a right person out there for me, and although I do worry about meeting them at times, and dislike being alone, I have some security in that. Furthermore, if I never meet the right person I know it was the right thing for me to be single as God knows best. Day to day this means I am more fussy than my non-christian friends and will not try to adapt myself too much or compromise important values to fit with a man who is clearly not right for me.	May 2, 2012 8:41 AM
1180	Leaning on God for love and having to have him as my centre as I don;t have anyone else. It has been really positive to develop that relationship!	May 2, 2012 8:35 AM
1181	Simple, none.	May 2, 2012 8:35 AM

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1182	Going to church regularly	May 2, 2012 8:28 AM
1183	There is time yes for prayer and reading and I also do a lot of writing (Theology) and time to be close to God is important. Solitude does have it's uses!	May 2, 2012 8:28 AM
1184	I at least have hope in Jesus, that once He has done a good work in me, then He will give me the desire of my heart. Non christian singles could lack hope.	May 2, 2012 8:23 AM
1185	I think being single and christian sometimes its very hard, as you can just decide to go out with any girl/men coz its sin before God to fornicate, but those who are not christian they can whatever they want,	May 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1186	I think there is less pressure on me to be promiscuous due to the fact that they all know i am christian and would wait until marriage anyways, other than that i dont see any major difference really	May 2, 2012 8:19 AM
1187	Having a heavenly Father and knowing that I am not alone in everything in my life. Being able to chat to God about difficulties. Knowing that I have a future in heaven. Knowing God has a plan and a purpose.	May 2, 2012 8:18 AM
1188	I dont see any differences other than the fact I dont socialise in nightclubs like I used to. As a christian single you can easily get involved in worldly and sinful activitys.	May 2, 2012 8:15 AM
1189	Having a wide range of age group friends and having Christ to talk about.	May 2, 2012 8:14 AM
1190	I can say without doubt that my faith is my foundation, my focus for everything that I do is through Jesus. Non Chrisitans don't have this hope, this sure foundation and it can show through behaviour, their coping during situations and in their relationships	May 2, 2012 8:12 AM
1191	A Christian should know that their validation as a valuable person comes from God and not from people. If you have been able to come to that realisation, and you believe that God has a plan for you and is for you then being single is not such a self esteem issue. It must be very difficult to be single as a non-Christian because you do not have those same assurances. Having recently read a very good book, 'Captivating' by John and Stasi Elredge, I feel I have moved on into a much better place.	May 2, 2012 8:11 AM
1192	When I'm going through a rough patch I know God is always there for me and other Christians are around to talk to as well. I know God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.	May 2, 2012 8:04 AM
1193	I have a church family and lots of friends and activities to pursue. I am very busy and I make sure I am so I don't feel lonely. I make sure I meet up with people each day so I have chances to talk to people.	May 2, 2012 8:02 AM
1194	I am ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven. Healing is on-going as I co-operate with God in pulling down my strongholds. I am a daughter of the King I have a very privileged position. I know the Lord has good plans for me and I co-operate with Him in bringing them to fruition. Non-Christian singles mostly think it is normal to act immorally and do not realise the dangers of such actions for themselves and other people.	May 2, 2012 8:01 AM
1195	I know that God is always there for me...I always have Him to talk to and	May 2, 2012 7:57 AM

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	share things with.	
1196	Well I help were I can to make a difference. For example I work in a school one day a week and help with programmes that the church run. That helps and takes my mind off my situation.	May 2, 2012 7:56 AM
1197	I feel I always have someone to talk to and someone watching over me when I am lonely or confused I can always turn to God in prayer	May 2, 2012 7:55 AM
1198	Total freedom to do what I like, when I like, e.g. I have recently spent six months serving God with OM in Turkey.	May 2, 2012 7:54 AM
1199	I get to wake up with God, but then so do married people. Therefore are you asking specifically as a single Christian or as a Christian? I know that God has the best for me. So, if I'm single, there's a reason for it. I know that if he wants me to meet someone, he'll bring them into my life, so I don't need to fret or be anxious as it's in his hands. I know that I am loved, precious, and His Bride - so my identity is secure in Christ whereas a non Christian doesn't have that.	May 2, 2012 7:53 AM
1200	I have lived a rich and full life, I have traveled the world and had many adventures. I can be spontaneous and I can plan my diary and not have to co-ordinate with someone else.	May 2, 2012 7:50 AM
1201	Being able to choose to read or pray at times when my married friends will be attending to their children. Having the space to think about planning things that will include my married friends. Being available to others with needs and not having children or a husband in tow	May 2, 2012 7:48 AM
1202	Don't know.	May 2, 2012 7:44 AM
1203	The positives are: No one judging you, No one disappointed in you, Freedom in making decisions, above all the knowledge that you haven't messed up any relationship.	May 2, 2012 7:43 AM
1204	couples don't like single around male or female, that is because of there own walk with god and each other. ie a strong marriage.	May 2, 2012 7:43 AM
1205	Evan though I am single, I am never alone having my church family in my life. Non christians face life alone completely, I have jesus, my faith and my church. I feel loved and valued, many non christians, including friends I have lose them selves in alcohol as an escape from lonliness.	May 2, 2012 7:40 AM
1206	Knowing that I am at peace, and that, no matter what happens, I still have my faith to fall back onto	May 2, 2012 7:38 AM
1207	I have a friend who sticks closer than a brother by being a Christian - Christ. I do have a strong faith. Although at times I do doubt and fear I can look back and see how things work out for the best and how God does not put me in situations that I can't cope with. Even as I go through tricky times by having faith I know I'll come out the other side and often be a 'better' person by understanding why and what I went through.	May 2, 2012 7:36 AM
1208	None	May 2, 2012 7:29 AM
1209	I talk to God about my desire for a home, I keep myself busy with my studies, I listen to audio Bible this strenghten my faith,I joined Christain Connection	May 2, 2012 7:29 AM

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	but I don't even have enough time to search for a partner.I spend my time with my daughter and I believe that I have to make myself happy in spite of my singleness.	
1210	Hope that God has the right person out there for me. Guidelines that help me getting seriously hurt Thats about it - sad isn't it!	May 2, 2012 7:25 AM
1211	Gives me a chance to take time to get to know someone instead of focusing on physical apperances.	May 2, 2012 7:24 AM
1212	Freedom to do what I want when I want, freedom to focuss on ministry and outreach.	May 2, 2012 7:24 AM
1213	They are far more subject to both peer pressure and the general ups and downs of life than I am with my faith as an anchor. they often ask me for advice. I don't feel that I have to get drunk to have a good time, or to run with the crowd.	May 2, 2012 7:18 AM
1214	I can plan my day serve others without having to consider anyone other than myself	May 2, 2012 7:01 AM
1215	When I am lonely I talk to the Lord. i tell him about my day to day problems. He usually comes up with the answer. I may have to wait a bit.	May 2, 2012 6:58 AM
1216	I can spend time seeking God. The biggest point I feel is that I am relying on God to bring someone else along for me IF that's His plan. I'm able to trust God, knowing that His will for my life is best, I'm totally surrendered to His will in this area, He knows best, knows where He wants me, knows what He wants me to do. Being Christian and single I think is so much easier, a non-christian wouldn't have the faith and trust to just sit tight and wait for God. I don't have to stress out about it and can get on with serving God.	May 2, 2012 6:57 AM
1217	Its all about my relationship with God everything centres around that	May 2, 2012 6:55 AM
1218	Well I have a strong faith I do not feel loneliness or unloved I know God supports me and provides for my every need I do not have rejection issues because I know the most high accepts me. I am not bitter or angry towards my ex partner because I am able to forgive and not judge him harshly. Plus I believe that if God desires for me to marry again he will bring that person into my life	May 2, 2012 6:55 AM
1219	I find no enjoyment in pubs and clubs simple pleasures that i enjoy are not the same when on my own	May 2, 2012 6:54 AM
1220	I know God provides for me and I am not alone.	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
1221	Don't see any real significant differences	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
1222	No a problem	May 2, 2012 6:46 AM
1223	I can make my own decisions, be spontaneous, spend money on going to a conference for example without discussing this with any one else. I can invite others to do things, wihout having to worry wehter this will pu my partner out.	May 2, 2012 6:45 AM
1224	positives is freedom to do my own thing but a shared experience is better What this survey has forgotten is a very simple 4 letter word that makes it all	May 2, 2012 6:41 AM

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	work LOVE i am not married at my age of 60 simply because i have never fallen in love	
1225	my only real positive is the time i can give to church or church related activities and helping people who need time.	May 2, 2012 6:39 AM
1226	Being in a church enables me to have close friends who are also single but that is true of those who are non-Christian. I think the main one would be the presence of God in my life as someone to lean on when I need it.	May 2, 2012 6:39 AM
1227	i have more time. i can do what i like. i have a whole bed to stretch out in and a whole wardrobe to myself (although recently i have let the cat sleep on my bed and ai feel much better). i grew up sharing a double bed with my younger sister, i think this is where my cravings for being with someone started	May 2, 2012 6:37 AM
1228	i have some good christian friends around me	May 2, 2012 6:36 AM
1229	Having a church family to call on for help	May 2, 2012 6:34 AM
1230	I have the Church for social life. I have the ultimate important relationship in my life: the relationship with God. I am happy in the evenings even when I'm on my own because I worship friends. My non Christian friends can't do that although obviously they have other interests,	May 2, 2012 6:32 AM
1231	I have strength and directon from God	May 2, 2012 6:32 AM
1232	I like the fact that I know I am living for God and am free to serve him. I like being free from the pressure in the world to be sexually active, and I have a lot of security in knowing that living a holy lifestyle protects me from the pitfalls of unexpected pregancy and/or the bad relationship decisions that often result from the process of premarital sex, cohabitation, and so on.	May 2, 2012 6:32 AM
1233	I dont see me as anything different. I dont beleive you should be defined by your belief or religion but people should simply accept you for who you are...immaterial of what comes with that!	May 2, 2012 6:27 AM
1234	I have christ to talk to and the word for comfort when I feel down about my situation. I also don't feel an urgent need to seek a partner because I have christ and am therefore less likely to make a mistake when chosing a partner.	May 2, 2012 6:27 AM
1235	I know that I'm blessed to be able to decide what I'm doing at the drop of a hat and just be able to go without making other arrangements first.	May 2, 2012 6:26 AM
1236	Idont get as lonely or depressed about being sinle as some singles seem to	May 2, 2012 6:24 AM
1237	Love that I'm free to really pursue God's call and be in leadership. That I have time for friends that I wouldn't if I had a husband and children	May 2, 2012 6:23 AM
1238	Well I have hope, people who have no faith have no hope.	May 2, 2012 6:23 AM
1239	I guess what I enjoy the most is just being able to do my life the way I want to, and the way God leads me to do it. I don't have to stop and think whether I can get involved in a given area in terms of thinking about anybody else, and that's something that I enjoy, probably too much. I have built a great network of friends, including single people and married couples and I enjoy	May 2, 2012 6:20 AM

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	hanging out with them for as long as I want without thinking about anyone else. I'd like to think that for the right person I'd be willing to lose these things.	
1240	I can't think of any. Easier to be single in the non-Christian world as more dating opportunities with non Christians	May 2, 2012 6:09 AM
1241	Can't think of any.	May 2, 2012 5:41 AM
1242	Independence to make choices and follow them through The commitment that I make to my friends and family as I can focus on them Be more committed to work	May 1, 2012 7:08 AM
1243	Can rely on God and other Christians in the church family for practical support, help, etc., and to a certain extent for emotional support, though sometimes this can be lacking due to ignorance of my lifestyle.	Apr 21, 2012 11:20 AM
1244	I don't see any difference between Christian or a non-Christian singleness.	Apr 5, 2012 4:16 AM