

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

#ISTRUGGLEWITHFINDINGTHERIGHTPERSON

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1. Open in prayer.
2. Pastor Derwin stated, "If you are single and celibate, devoting all of your life to serving Christ, you are not dysfunctional. You are in great company. The Apostle Paul was single and celibate!"
 - a. What do you think of this statement?
 - b. How do you think knowing this will help single followers of Jesus?

HOW DO YOU FIND THE RIGHT PERSON?

3. You must LOOK.
 - a. Look to Jesus for ultimate **L**ove and satisfaction. Read Psalm 63:3-5 and 1 John 4:9-11.
 - Discuss your thoughts on this point and scriptures.
 - Pastor Derwin and Vicki said, "A human can never give you ultimate love and satisfaction." Discuss how you have found this to be true in your own life.
 - Vicki described "if only" thinking and how it keeps us from being content in Christ and finding our satisfaction in Him. Discuss examples of your experience with this.
 - b. Look to see if they are **O**bedient to the faith. Read Romans 1:5.
 - Discuss your thoughts on Pastor Derwin and Vicki's statements below:
 - o "See if he or she walks the walk, not just talks the walk."
 - o "You will be able to recognize the depth of someone intimacy with Jesus by the depth of your intimacy with Jesus."
 - o "You can't give away what you don't possess. Someone without the love and life of Christ isn't able to love you with His sacrificial love."
 - c. Look and **O**bserve their fruit. Read Galatians 5:22-23.
 - You're not looking for a perfect person, you are looking for a faithful person.
 - You observe someone's life by looking at:
 - o How does the person you are interested in treat their parents?
 - o How do they treat people who can't do anything for them?
 - o What are their hopes and dreams?
 - o If those hopes and dreams become a reality, who gets blessed? Who gets the glory?
 - o How do they respond to adversity?
 - o Are they easily offended?
 - o Are they controlling or needy?
 - o Do they speak to you in a way that tears you down or lifts you up?
 - d. Look to God's **K**ingdom, not the culture. Read Romans 12:1-2.
 - What does the culture say you should look for when trying to find the right person?
 - Discuss trying to find our value in the attributes the culture values vs. what God says about us.

Soul-tattoo: If you are single and looking, write a profile of the person you want to find and pray over it.