



Single and Lovin' It, Mostly

Welcome!

Thanks for participating in this survey for single Christian women! It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. We appreciate the investment of your time in this project.

We want to hear your point of view on singleness as a Christian woman. We appreciate the sincerity and transparency of your answers as we seek to gather information that will allow us to better equip, encourage, and empower women who are single or single-again. [Iron Rose Sister Ministries](http://www.ironrosesister.com) desires to make resources available, specific to this neglected population in our churches. The results of this data will also be used to facilitate the conversation with church leaders regarding the needs of the single women in their churches and their communities.

Notes:

- 1) *At the end of the survey, you will have the option to make your answers anonymous or have them identified by your name.*
- 2) *For your convenience, a printout of this survey is available in order to pray over and consider your answers before responding in the digital format at www.ironrosesister.com/singles*
- 3) *A Spanish-language version of this survey is available, as well.*

We prefer that your answers be submitted digitally at www.ironrosesister.com/singles. However, we will also accept printed submissions mailed to:

Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM)

P.O. Box 1351

Searcy, AR 72145

If you choose to submit handwritten answers, we request that you provide your phone number for any clarification of your responses that might be needed. This does not affect the anonymity of your participation, if you so choose.

Getting to Know You

Required questions are indicated by ().*

***1. Phone number (for handwritten submissions only):** _____

***2. What is your gender?** _____ Female _____ Male

***3. Year you were born:** _____

***4. Current Status (choose one):**

_____ Single (never married)

_____ Widowed

_____ Separated

_____ Other (please specify):

_____ Divorced

***5. Are you a parent or guardian?**

_____ Yes

_____ No

***6. Where did you grow up?**

_____ In the U.S.

_____ In a country other than the U.S. If so, which one? _____

***7. Where you reside (U.S. state or country outside the U.S.):**

_____ State in the U.S.: _____

_____ Country other than the U.S.: _____

***8. Primary language spoken in your childhood home:**

_____ English

_____ Spanish

_____ Other (please specify): _____

***9. What best describes the church in which you grew up?**

- _____ Non-denominational: Church of Christ
- _____ Non-denominational: Not associated with Churches of Christ
- _____ Catholic
- _____ Protestant/Evangelical
- _____ Other
- _____ None

***10. What best describes the church where you currently attend?**

- _____ Non-denominational: Church of Christ
- _____ Non-denominational: Not associated with Churches of Christ
- _____ Catholic
- _____ Protestant/Evangelical
- _____ Other
- _____ None

***11. Size of the congregation where you currently attend:**

- _____ 1-50
- _____ 51-100
- _____ 101-200
- _____ 201-500
- _____ 500+

***12. Would you like to get married?**

- _____ No, thanks
- _____ Maybe
- _____ Yes, please!

***13. On a scale of 'Strongly Disagree' to 'Strongly Agree', indicate how much you agree with the following statements (Circle one):**

- I am content in my singleness.

*Strongly
Disagree*

Disagree

Agree

*Strongly
Agree*

Non-applicable

- My relationship with God has been strengthened through my time as a single woman.

Strongly Disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly Agree* *Non-applicable*

- As a single woman, my relationships with other Christian women have been strengthened.

Strongly Disagree *Disagree* *Agree* *Strongly Agree* *Non-applicable*

***14. Rank the following groups from Most Supportive to Least Supportive of you as a single Christian woman (1 = Most Supportive, 6 = Least Supportive):**

- _____ Family
- _____ Friends
- _____ Local community (e.g. sports, book club, supper club, service organization, etc.)
- _____ Local congregation
- _____ Online community (e.g. Facebook, gaming, dating sites, etc.)
- _____ Work or academic community

***15. On a scale from ‘Highly Encouraging’ to ‘Highly Discouraging,’ rate the following groups according to how positively or negatively their remarks affect you as a single Christian woman (Circle one):**

- Family

Highly encouraging *Encouraging* *Discouraging* *Highly discouraging* *Non-applicable*

- Friends

Highly encouraging *Encouraging* *Discouraging* *Highly discouraging* *Non-applicable*

- Local community (e.g. sports, book club, supper club, service organization, etc.)

Highly encouraging *Encouraging* *Discouraging* *Highly discouraging* *Non-applicable*

- Local congregation

<i>Highly encouraging</i>	<i>Encouraging</i>	<i>Discouraging</i>	<i>Highly discouraging</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- Online community (e.g. Facebook, gaming, dating sites, etc.)

<i>Highly encouraging</i>	<i>Encouraging</i>	<i>Discouraging</i>	<i>Highly discouraging</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- Work or academic community

<i>Highly encouraging</i>	<i>Encouraging</i>	<i>Discouraging</i>	<i>Highly discouraging</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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***16. On a scale of 'Strongly Disagree' to 'Strongly Agree' (4 selection options), indicate how much you agree with the following statements:**

- As a single Christian woman, it is easy to find ways to serve within my local congregation.

<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- It is easier for a single Christian man to find a way to serve within my local congregation than for a single Christian woman.

<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- It is easier for a single Christian man to find his place in a work or academic environment than for a single Christian woman.

<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- It is easier for a married Christian woman to find a way to serve within my local congregation than for a single Christian woman.

<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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- It is easier for a married Christian woman to find her place in a work or academic environment than for a single Christian woman.

<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Non-applicable</i>
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***17. Which one(s) of the following statements are true? (Check all that apply.)**

- _____ My local congregation includes me as a member of its family.
- _____ My local congregation accepts my status as a single woman.
- _____ My local congregation is welcoming to single women.
- _____ I have observed other congregations providing support for single women.
- _____ None of these statements are true.

***18. On a scale of “Always” to “Never” (4 selection options), please indicate how often you have experienced the following (Circle one):**

- How often have you been negatively affected by comments made by those in society about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*
- How often have you been negatively affected by comments made by those in your family about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*
- How often have you been negatively affected by comments made by those in the church about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*
- How often have you been positively affected by comments made by those in society about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*
- How often have you been positively affected by comments made by those in your family about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*
- How often have you been positively affected by comments made by those in the church about your singleness?
Always *Frequently* *Occasionally* *Never*

Tell Us More!

The following short answer questions are optional.

*There are additional required questions at the end (marked by an *).*

19. What is the most **negative** remark you have heard about “being single”?

20. What is the most **positive** remark you have heard about “being single”?

21. What is the greatest challenge as a single Christian woman?

22. What is the greatest blessing as a single Christian woman?

23. Please share a specific recommendation for one way in which the church can show its support for single or single-again women.

24. Is there anything else you would like to share here?

***25. How would you like to register your answers?**

_____ Anonymously

_____ With your name: _____

***26. Would you be willing for us to contact you about sharing more from your personal experience as a single Christian woman through follow up questions or in an interview?**

_____ Yes

_____ No

If you answer yes to being interviewed:

Name _____

Email address _____

***27. Would you like to receive notification when the book, Single and Lovin' It, Mostly, is released? This book will include results from this survey, summaries of interviews, Biblical resources, and tips for single women, as well as for churches.**

Your response to this question does not affect your decision to remain anonymous or not.

Your email will only be used for this purpose and will not be shared with any third-party.

Yes ___ No ___ Email, if yes: _____

*Thank you for your participation! Your input is invaluable to this conversation.
Feel free to forward this survey to other single or single-again Christian women, inviting them to participate.*