



## MYTH: SINGLES ADULTS CAN'T BE USED IN THE LEADERSHIP PART OF THE CHURCH.

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*[I have been single my entire adult life. Because I am single, I have had a front row experience of how churches are reaching and growing singles adults. As a result, I have found that most churches simply did not know much about singles adults or how to reach us. After several years of serving on various singles ministry leadership teams as well as starting my own, God called me to help others do the same? Specifically to help reach the church, the pastors and staff; to educate and provide resources so that ALL churches would know how to reach singles.]*

From as far as back as I can remember, single adults have been treated like the notorious “step-child” in the church. They are not considered to really be apart of the church. They are not valued as equal adults simply because they are not married. I would love to know what pastors would do today if Jesus, Paul, John the Baptist, Mary or Martha came to your church and wanted to serve in leadership. Would you put them watching little kids, greeting, serving food simply because in your mind they were not mature enough (due to not being married) to serve in leadership? Because we all know that getting married makes you mature. Yea, right?? Now does getting married help you to mature a bit faster, yes. But I can count just as many married people as single people who have fallen short in the area of leadership in the church. Leadership has nothing to do with being married but all to do with where God has called and gifted you.

Pastors, you are missing out on some amazing single adults who have gifts, talents and skills in areas of money, teaching, directing, managing, etc. Not every single is only focused on getting a spouse (which again, is not a wrong thing) right this minute. Singles just like married people have the ability to help you lead your church. Because they are single, they have more flexibility with their time and money. Singles are great to lead mission trips, fund-raisers, counseling, pastor search committees, and even pastor themselves. Considering half our country is now single, wouldn't you want single adults serving in every leadership area of your church.

Now you might be saying, Kris, singles seem to come and go more than married's. I am married and I prefer to have other married people on my team. My question is..have you tried? Have you come along side a single an encouraged, trained, prayed with, etc.? Is it possible to just look at a person as God sees them and not allow their marital status to alter your opinion? Thanks to God for the singles in the Bible who without them, we wouldn't be here. Don't underestimate the power of what a single adult can do you in church with the right training.

Bottom line, it's being obedient with what God has entrusted to you, married or single.

Acts 20: 28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you



overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.