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Interview with a Happy, Single Saint: Evangelist Melinda Peterman



Following the noon bible class at Greater Grace Temple, where former Presiding Bishop Charles H. Ellis is pastor, *Single Perspective* met with Evangelist Melinda A. Peterman on March 13, 2019, in Detroit, Michigan, to discuss singleness. The vibrant retiree often laughed and smiled as she explained her opinions during the 7:43 session.

SP: What type of single saint are you?

MP: I'm a happy, single saint. I'm not depressed or constantly thinking about marriage. I enjoy my singleness. I've never been married. I'm not giving up on the option of it. I'm expecting God to send him my way but I'm not hard up or desperate, so I just wait on God.

SP: What do saved, single men

need to know?

MP: They need to understand their role. A lot of saved, single brothers are selfish because God made them the head. We, as the weaker vessel, must be covered. They are supposed to cover us in marriage. But a lot of the times, they don't want to get married because they're selfish. And they don't want the responsibility. That's my opinion.

SP: What do saved, single women need to know?

MP: That they shouldn't be hungry, hard up, or desperate just to settle. You must carry yourself as a queen, which we are! Oftentimes, women feel men will complete them, but we're already complete (Colossians 2:10). Single women don't need a man, but we desire one. Needing and wanting are two different things. When you get to the point of being desperate, then you settle for anything, just to say that you've got someone.

SP: What type of goals should every single saint have?

MP: The goal is to be sold

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Evangelist Cherlyn A. Williams
ISPA President

ISPA Prayer Conference Packs a Punch!

The Link: Prayer – Praise – Worship ISPA Prayer Conference began with a bang on the evening of Thursday March 28, as Elder A. Timothy Daniels wonderfully sang “I Need Thee” in the sanctuary of Transformed Life Church, an exquisitely elegant church, where District Elder Brian T. Hamilton is pastor in Piqua, Ohio.

ISPA President Cherlyn Williams introduced the speaker of the hour. Bishop C. Shawn Tyson's powerful message was titled “Living in the Limitless” from II Timothy 3:16 and 17. He emphasized that we should ask the Lord to let every gift He has placed in us to be developed this year to maximum performance. He also said that we should stop treating the sanctuary like it's a library and when we say that we can't, we are raising

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Editorials and Opinions

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Anticipating Our Holiday

by Sister Connie D. Green, *Single Perspective* Writer



Expressions such as “behind every great man there is a woman” and “power couple” may imply that only married people can have impact in our world. While the significance of the God-ordained institution of marriage and how it mirrors His

relationship with His bride, the Church, certainly cannot be overstated, it is also true that a person does not have to be married to have significance in the kingdom of God. Single people are an important part of God’s church and of society at-large.

Did you know there is a holiday for single people? Yes, there certainly is!

National Singles Day is September 21, 2019 and takes place on the Saturday of National Singles’ Week, which is the third week in September. Singles Day is the last day of Singles’ Week.

This day honors the

contributions of the approximately 45% of adult Americans (over 110 million) who are single according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The holiday celebrates the unique qualities and significant contributions singles make to society on a daily basis.

Perhaps you are “single, saved and satisfied” or maybe you are a “single Saint-in-waiting.” Either way, know that you have much value as a single individual. Additionally, as a Holy Ghost-filled believer, you have spiritual gifts which God expects to be shared and exercised for the edifying of His Church. Remember, you are fearfully and wonderfully made and your value as a child of God is in

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out for Christ! We need to know that God is the center just because we're single. We need to make sure that we're doing God's will even in our singleness because we're able to do more for Christ as singles. Love on yourself. I think people need to learn how to love themselves. If I don't love me, how can I love someone else?

SP: What is the greatest strength of being single?

MP: The greatest strength is you can do whatever you want to do (laughs). If I don't feel like washing dishes, I'm not going to wash them. If I don't feel like washing clothes, I'm not going to wash them. When you're married, those things have to change!

SP: What is the greatest challenge of being single?

MP: We don't want to be alone. Sometimes you get to the point where you say, "Where's my mate? Why am I still single?" I have to take into consideration that God knows what's best for me. When I have these moments, this is my personal testimony: I get up and make myself happy. I take myself out, take myself to the movies, or take myself to dinner. I just go out and enjoy life! That way, I won't feel lonely, alone, or depressed.

SP: Do you go on trips?

MP: I've been to Barbados and I've been to the Bahamas twice. I love cruising. I have three ultimate places I want to go: Dubai, Tahiti, and Australia. I'm trying to get one of those done by next year. I love traveling.

SP: Which activities should singles participate in?

MP: Really, it depends on the individual. I go horseback riding, I attend gatherings, I go downtown, and I go to parks. I love being by the water. I love to grill and entertain at my house. Do something but don't sit around waiting because you never know. You may meet that individual who is meant for you out there!

SP: In conclusion, is there anything else you feel singles should know?

MP: Be focused. Let God lead you and guide you. Don't be desperate. Some of us may never get married. So, you have to be okay with that. The Bible says, whatever state I find myself in, I have to be content (Philippians 4:11, I Timothy 6:8, Hebrews 13:5). If I'm going to be single, I'm going to be content.

Sometimes, the enemy sends a counterfeit. You have to have discernment to know whether someone is a distraction to stop you from doing the work God has called you to do. We have to be saved!

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no way lessened by your status as a single individual.

Therefore, if you are single and have never done so before, you might consider observing Singles' Day or Singles' Week this year. Some suggestions include:

- Enjoy some 'you' time
- Get together with single friends and family and do something special
- Treat yourself to a getaway
- Spend time with a shut-in elderly person who could use your company
- Mentor young people who could benefit from your knowledge and wisdom

- Volunteer for a charity of your choice
- Reflect on the unique qualities and spiritual gifts God has blessed you with and re-commit to exercising them to the glory of God.

We still have time before September 21 so maybe you can come up with more ways to celebrate your uniqueness and your singleness.

ISPA Prayer Conference

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the white flag of surrender.

Associate Pastor Utsey Shelton opened the Friday morning session by explaining the ACTS of Prayer. She specified that Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication are all vital elements of prayer. ISPA President Cheryl Williams encouragingly spoke on Getting Reacquainted with Prayer. Minister Sara Johnson then soulfully lead the congregation in prayer. Friday evening, District Elder Brian T. Hamilton presented Don't Break the Chain regarding the commitment to prayer. Evangelist Charlotte Moore preached a fiery message during the evening service.

Elder Marlon Dickson edified the conference attendees with Morning Glory on Saturday morning. He was followed by Minister Sara Johnson who passionately spoke on A Life of Intercession. Elder Anthony Buckles, M.D., spoke eloquently about What's Missing. During the evening service, Psalmist Whitney Jones melodically praised the Lord. Evangelist Melinda A. Peterman concluded the conference with a mighty word from God that was followed by an altar call.

ISPA Upcoming Events

ICEA Region Five Meeting in Nashville, TN.....5/16—5/18/19

PAW Convention in Cincinnati, OH.....8/10 —8/17/19