

MARRIED VS SINGLE

Why do so many people assume that all single people are lonely? This really gets my hackles up. I have been unmarried all my life and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I've seen a number of those so-called wonderful marriages, and all I have to say is, "no, thank you". Married people must account to one another for every living minute. Each has the right to know where the other is at all times, how much money he or she spends and on what.

Marriage demands that everything be shared. Once you are married there is no such thing as "mine." It's all "ours."

I enjoy coming home at night to a quiet, serene house where I can relax. I see and listen to people all day. I don't need to hear any more voices. If I want to talk, there is the telephone. If I want company I have plenty of neighbors and friends. But it's my choice.

I know married women who are lonely as hell, not to mention the ones who are stuck with alcoholics, gamblers, skirt-chasers and sex-maniacs. Surely others must see this, too. I am puzzled as to why so many single women think they are missing so much. Maybe it's because people have a tendency to long for what they don't have instead of counting their blessings.

What Does It Mean?

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2. This really gets my hackles up.
3. Married people must account to one another for every living minute.
4. But it's my choice.
5. skirt-chasers
6. People have a tendency to long for what they don't have instead of counting their blessings

Questions for discussion:

1. What kind of prejudice do people generally have about single people?
2. What kind of freedom does the writer think single people enjoy?
3. Why do single people think they are missing so much?
4. What do you think about people staying unmarried?
5. Talk about the good things and bad things about marriage.
6. Do you think unmarried people an "odd," "strange" breed?