

The independence of being single



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At my age, my mother was married and had two children. When I was younger, I thought at the age of 25, I would be married and have a family. Oh, was I so wrong. It doesn't get any easier the older you get. I have aunts who constantly ask me at family parties where my boyfriend or I will get married soon.

My answer as always "He doesn't exist, and I'm never getting married." The truth is I'm not concerned about having a boyfriend or getting married at this moment. Family pressure to find a partner does get annoying, but I keep in mind that this is my life, and I will do what makes me happy.

Growing up with three older brothers is a blessing because they gave me valuable advice for being single. I don't need a man to understand my worth, and they emphasize getting my education. I don't need a man to make my dreams come true. Having this type of mentality has gotten me through my life. I can say I am strong because they installed values in me that will

benefit my future. I know they've joked about guys I dated because they know I deserved better.

When it comes to being single, there can be a stigma attached to it. People start to develop reasons as to why you're single from you can't get a significant other, you're too picky, or you're too selfish.

The single life is a personal choice, and you don't owe anyone an answer. Most people in their twenties are still in college getting their degrees.

I believe it's best to work on my craft first and better myself before bringing a new person into my madness. Being single doesn't mean you're lonely, and I think that's the biggest misconception of being single. You can still be in a relationship and feel lonely.

I understand you might be in your twenties and going through the trials and tribulations of dating. Society tells you that having a partner brings a purpose to your life, but never let that get you down. The best thing I've learned about being single is to depend on myself.

. I am my own best friend. I can go out to lunch by myself and not care about sitting at a table with no one next to me. I don't have to worry about making sure I left my significant other knows my whereabouts. I can freely talk and hang out with whomever I please. I can't sit here and tell you that I will pass up a good person. When the right person comes along, I will be ready for them because I've learned to be independent.