

house for 24 hours, even if it's just a hotel here in town.

Do you know what polyamory is?

No.

Can you guess?

It sounds like a lube.

Sarah Koski, 30, single



What is your relationship status?

I'm single. I went to college. I was president of Presidential Scholars, Honors College girl, just made terrible poor decisions, didn't know how to get out of it and some church youth group came up and asked me if I wanted to turn to Christ and that's when it happened. I stopped drinking, stopped partying, stopped having sex.

What's the best part about being single?

The freedom to enjoy your own personal choices. I've really gotten to know me. Before, I became whoever I dated and now I've really gotten to know me.

What's the worst part about being single?

I've almost become a cat lady because there's no one to cuddle up to at night.

Have you ever been cheated on?

Oh yes. It's really interesting because we learned in Bible study that it's not the fact when you're cheated on that hurts the most, but when you turn around and cheat on that other person — the retaliation. So what I did was when that happened, I decided to cheat back on that person and that just opened the floodgates.

Did you ever discuss that openly?

No. It was just a life of big secrets. I really didn't know me because I didn't know what was the lie that I could pose to cover up

something or what really was me. And that's why it's so nice to be single now, because the only person that I'm accountable to now is God and myself.

Is that what ended your relationship?

My relationship ended when I got saved. When I started making better choices, the friend set that I had at that time was really an enabler so I had to start from the bottom up.

What is one of your most memorable Valentine's Days?

It was in high school. My boyfriend at the time wrote out Pablo Neruda poems and put them all over school, put rosebuds in my locker and had a rose waiting for me in each class. It was memorable because it was romantic — and the poetry. It's all about the poetry.

Do you have plans for Valentine's Day?

What day is it? Friday? I got Bible study!

Have you ever walked in on someone?

It wouldn't surprise me — I'd say yes.

Have you ever been walked in on?

No, I was sneaky. I went out of town. I went to Portland. Everybody says there's not a sin you can do in Eugene ... Portland is twice as bad.

Daniel Gustus, 28, single



What's the best part about being single?

Not having someone control my life.

What's the worst part about being single?

I don't know ... nothing?

Have you ever cheated on somebody?

Yeah.

How'd that go?

Well, it depends on which time.

Have you ever been cheated on?

Yeah. I've usually gotten a lot more angry than her.

What is one of your most memorable Valentine's Days?

I took my girlfriend out, bought her a bunch of teddy bears, flowers, a nice card.

Why did that relationship end?

Infidelity. I recently looked it up about the cheating gene and I think that I have it. I think our society has a lot of pressure towards monogamy and it doesn't always work out.

Do you have any plans for this Valentine's Day?

No. I might be trying to pick up vulnerable women.

V. Starr, 68, single, a widower since 2009



What's the best part about being single?

I guess I miss the company most of all.

What's the worst part about being a widower?

I realized I'm a changed man. I used to be an old hippie and now I'm not. I'm a gentleman.

Have you ever cheated on somebody?

No.

Have you ever been cheated on?

Once. She told me, and I forgave her.

What is one of your most memorable Valentine's Days?

None.

Do you have any plans for this Valentine's Day?

I don't even know when it is. I don't do holidays anymore because I don't have

any family left. I guess I'll pick myself up something.

Have you ever walked in on someone?

Not in a long time. But it was OK.

Have you ever been walked in on?

Never.

Do you know what polyamory is?

No.

Can you guess?

Some new kind of plastic.

Roxann Tiller, 48, single



What's the best part about being single?

Nothing. I guess I don't have to answer to anybody.

What's the worst part about being single?

No sex.

Have you ever cheated on somebody?

Never.

Have you ever been cheated on?

Yes. And I ain't with him no more. It broke my heart. I was in love with him. Still am.

What is one of your most memorable Valentine's Days?

My husband cooked me breakfast in bed, and when I got home from work he had a little trail of flowers going into the bathroom and it had candles and I had a bubble bath. He bathed me.

Have you ever walked in on someone?

Yes. It was my ex-boss and her husband. I rent a room from my ex-boss and I just went "la-la-la, SORRY!" and closed the door. It was open!

Have you ever been walked in on?

Yes. And I went, "Dad! Go away!" It changed the mood entirely.

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