

## **Reality TV**

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There are a number of TV shows that seems to have enjoyed tremendous popularity. These are generally called “Reality TV.” The funny thing is that they aren’t quite based on reality. I think the reason they have gone with such a name is that they use “real people” instead of professional actors. Also, they generally are not scripted, which allows the viewers to see how the people really act and react in various situations.

A couple of the shows that have been popular are those where a single man is put together with a group of single women, and he gets to choose which ones stay for the next week and which ones go. At the end, he is supposed to pick one of these people and the two live happily ever after. The ironic thing is that so far, none of the relationships has lasted.

A recent spinoff of the original show had one of the women who had been rejected by the man was placed with a group of single men and she got to pick who stayed and who left. In the end, she chose one of them and he proposed marriage to her. It will be interesting to see if it lasts, or ends like the others.

The more I thought about it, however, is that these shows aren’t too far from reality. Isn’t that the whole purpose of dating? We are placed in a world full of single people and we use a subconscious screening process to narrow all of the choices down into a group of likely candidates. Eventually, for one reason or another, we decide to spend time with a smaller and smaller group until we finally decide what person we want to be with exclusively. Granted, they make it difficult on the TV shows, mainly because they are placed in an artificial environment and limits are placed on when they can spend time together and with whom.

Why do you suppose these shows have been so popular? I believe that it is because we all are interested in relationships. We want to have fulfilling relationships ourselves, and want to see others do so, also. If you want to talk about reality, it is that we are created to need close relationships. We need other people, but we can find our greatest fulfillment in our relationship with God.

I have learned that the more I grow in my relationship with God, the more I am able to have a healthy and fulfilling relationship with others, including my wife. If I am unhappy in my relationship with others, I have found that the best thing for me to do is examine my relationship with God. My relationship with God affects my relationship with other people.

Are you looking for a relationship? Let me encourage you to form and deepen a relationship with God first. This will allow you to have a healthy and meaningful relationship with others. Really!

Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in Church on Sunday.