

Where's the Christian Message in Tyler Perry's 'The Single Moms Club'?

The Single Moms Club is a Tyler Perry movie about the lives of five single mothers who bond together. The film has mediocre acting but some nice elements, though it doesn't have the strong Christian elements Perry included in his earlier movies.

Jan (Wendi McLendon-Covey) is a successful businesswoman who's also decided to raise a child on her own. Jan goes to a meeting with the principal of her child's school and meets four other mothers with their own stories.

Hillary (Amy Smart) is in the midst of a divorce, having three children to take care of but not knowing how. At the same, May (Nia Long) has been raising a child by herself for some time, as her husband has been out of the picture. Lytia (Cocoa Brown) works at Waffle House and has several children, two of whom are in prison while she tries to protect the younger three from the same fate. Esperanza (Zulay Henao) has a child with a man who has married another woman but is still paying for all of Esperanza's expenses along with their child's.

The principal has called each mom because their children have acted up by tagging the walls of the school. The principal tells the moms that the prestigious school requires the parents to get involved while the children are disciplined after such incidents.

The moms show up at Hillary's house. Seeing that Hillary's breaking down after her divorce, they decide to form a club to support each other.

In each situation, the moms have become the parent who raises

their children or child. What they find out is that, even though they come from different socio-economic backgrounds, they all deal with the same issues.

The Single Moms Club has some nice elements. However, it doesn't have enough direct conflict. Also, the child actors could have used better direction. That said, the movie concerns itself with the increase of single mothers in our society. It acknowledges that this scenario isn't preferred in any way, shape or form. Also, the mothers in the movie do have great hearts for their children and their children's needs.

In the story, the women find men to help fill the position of father for their children. However, *The Single Moms Club* contains some lewd dialogue and no really overt Christian content like earlier Tyler Perry movies.

The Single Moms Club could have been much better.

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