

The Choice is Yours

I Corinthians 7:32-33 (NLT)

32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him.

33: But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife.

When it comes to being single, it's very true that there are less restrictions than there are for married folks. You can come and go as you please without considering whether or not a spouse is pleased. You don't have to deal with the hassle of someone thinking that they can tell you what you can or can't do. You don't have to be concerned about things like making sure the other person will have a good meal for dinner or helping to make sure the home you share is cozy and tidy. You can have a bowl of cereal for dinner, leave your clothes right where you take them off, and come home at whatever hour you please.

All of the things mentioned above and much, much more have to be taken into careful consideration before you decide whether or not married life is for you. If you have already thought about things like these and decided to wait a while before tying the knot...that's ok. It's your choice. Being single doesn't necessarily mean you are alone; it simply means you are without a partner. But whether you are married or unmarried, don't waste the choice that God has given you. You have the opportunity to explore your freedom to live, love and express what He has placed before you.

What are some of the things He has placed before you? Well one of the most valuable gems is the precious opportunity to enjoy your consecrated time in the Lord. Don't forget to meditate in Him. Always take the time out of your day to spend quiet time with God. If you don't make time for our Heavenly Father each day, odds are that you won't make time for another person either.

There will come a day when your time is no longer your own. Marriage requires commitment and devotion. It will no longer be about you. You'll be responsible for another person's heart. Yes, the choice to remain single right now may be yours, but make sure you enjoy your time alone by getting to know yourself and the Lord. Make the commitment everyday to put your relationship with Him as priority #1. He's always willing, ready, and waiting to talk with you.

Pray this prayer: Lord I come before You with a humble heart, realizing that although I'm single, I'm not alone. Your love comforts my heart and mind and in this very moment You know my every need, even before I do.

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Thank You for the strength and courage to be patient while I condition myself to receive the gift of another person as my spouse. I thank You that all my needs are taken care of in the powerful name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen!●

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