

Monday, March 16 ~ Good Choices and Better Choices ~  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Paul writes that we have many choices. What we chose can be good and make us happy and fulfilled.

But what we base our choices on makes a great difference. Should choices be self-centered to serve our immediate wants in a temporal lifetime falling away each day? Or, is there more to decision making?

Paul tells us that better choices in this life are God-centered. When it is time to transition on, self-centered lives servicing only immediate needs will be left stagnant. Much like a pinwheel with a pivotal linchpin of self-serving choices, there will be nothing left to move us on as earthly life fades. But if we stop for a moment and consider God-centered choices, He will fill us with the Breath of Life. He will sustain us as we prepare our way to join Him.

Dear Lord: Help me to clearly see the depth in choices that I make for fulfillment and happiness. Inspire me to make the better choice. Remind me to speak with the Lord so I may enrich my life more fully and the lives of those around me.

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## Concerning the Unmarried

<sup>25</sup> Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. <sup>26</sup> Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. <sup>27</sup> Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.