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  - b. I cannot ask someone to go with me, unless I first know where I am going. Where am I going?
  - c. Eph 5:15-17 "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, **making the most of your time**, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.**"
2. **Accountability:** The wait is easier with a friend in Christ.
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    - ii. Matthew 18:20
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  - a. We're being watched...
    - i. Romans 12:2
      1. ...by God - Proverbs 5:21

2. ...by Satan - Job 1:8, cf Revelation 12:10

3. ...by the World - 1 Peter 2:12

b. What I do now as a single affects how or even whether people see Christ

i. 1 Timothy 4:12

ii. Hebrews 12:14

iii. Matthew 5:16

5. **Contentment is trusting God enough to obey Him now, unconditionally.**

a. What was the "single" Adam's condition before God brought him a wife? He was busy obeying God's call on his life when God put him to sleep.

b. To be content means to be at peace with our present situation. It is a learned behavior practiced by a godly man or godly woman:

i. **Phil 4:11-13** (NASB) "Not that I speak from want, **for I have learned to be content** in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

ii. **1 Tim 6:6** (NASB) "But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by **contentment**."

Boys - marry a GODLY WOMAN someday (not a Christian girl) - marry someone like mom, who loves Christ with all her heart and is actively OBEYING Him...not just going to church. And don't EVER plan on divorce as an option...for ANY reason. It's ALWAYS wrong to seek divorce. When you marry, know that it's for life...for her entire life. So be very certain before you ever convey these feelings to a woman - make darn sure she's the one...or you are just defrauding someone, which is a sin. Defrauding means to lead someone to the wrong conclusion, either on purpose for selfish gain or through selfish carelessness. So, how do you make sure? I think there are seven requirements:

1. **YOUR WALK.** Are YOU walking with Christ and is He is the true Center of your life?

- Matt 6:33
- Prov 3:5,6

2. **TIMING.** Is the time right for YOU or should you wait?

- Deut 24:5

3. **EMPLOYMENT.** Do YOU have full time employment and are YOU earning enough to take care of yourself, a wife and a child?

- Prov 24:27

4. **HER WALK.** Does SHE have a heart which follows hard after Jesus Christ? Does SHE spend regular time in the Word? Is SHE known among others as a Woman of the Word? Will SHE double your ministry or will SHE cut it in half?

- 2 Cor 6:14
- Phil 2:2
- 1 Kings 11:4

5. **HER RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS WHOM YOU KNOW.** How does SHE treat your family and friends? How does SHE treat her own family?

- Ruth 1:16
- Eph 6:1-3

6. **PRAYER.** Have you really prayed about this?

- John 16:24
- Psa 106:13

7. **COUNSEL.** What do people who know and love YOU the most, who have God's highest interest in mind for YOU, think about her, and have YOU bothered to seek godly counsel?

- 1 Kings 12:6-8
- Prov 1:5
- Prov 11:14
- Prov 13:10
- Prov 19:20

These seven areas are where the biggest mistakes I have ever seen people make - they do not follow the Lord - they just follow their own hearts. And they end up with a LIFETIME and a LEGACY of grief. See Jeremiah 17:9. On the other hand, if you find a godly wife and marry her - you find a GOOD thing! See Psalm 128 & Proverbs 18:22.

You would do well to take some time in the near future to look these verses up and meditate on them in their context. I love you guys. The house is too quiet already...please walk with Christ.

Love, Dad 1/4/11

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