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This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.

~ I Corinthians 7:35

I. Background

II. 1 Corinthians 7:35: The Privileges of Being Single

III. Manifestations of undistracted devotion to the Lord

A. Biblical examples

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*And there was a prophetess, **Anna** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with **fastings and prayers**. At that very moment she came up and began **giving thanks** to God, and **continued to speak of Him** to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

~ Luke 2:36-38



2. _____

*A woman named **Lydia**, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, **come into my house and stay.**" And she prevailed upon us.*

~ Acts 16:14-15

*They went out of the prison and **entered the house** of Lydia, and when they saw the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.*

~ Acts 16:40

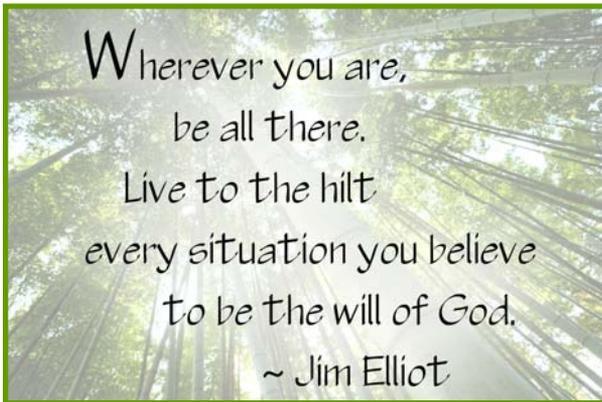
3. _____

*She had a sister called **Mary**, who was seated at the Lord's feet, **listening to His word.***

~ Luke 10:39

B. Modern Day Examples

IV. What are we to do with this teaching breathed out by the Holy Spirit?



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