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DAILY DOCTRINE
Marriage: Utilization of Time

1. Greatest decisions in life.
 - a. Choosing Jesus Christ as Savior.
 - b. Choosing to make Bible doctrine (= spiritual life) your number one priority.
 - c. Choosing whether or not to marry.
 - d. Your choice of a spouse.

2. Marriage is a fantastic blessing if you have the right one—the one the Lord designed for you—and you yourself are continuing to grow in becoming a right one through the grace and knowledge of the Lord.
 - a. Do not marry an unbeliever.
 - b. Do not marry a believer who does not understand the spiritual life.
 - c. Do not marry a baby believer. Marriage is not for the immature!
 - d. If you love Bible doctrine, do not marry someone who does not love Bible doctrine.
 - e. If you do not love Bible doctrine, do not marry someone who does love Bible doctrine.

3. Some people have the gift of celibacy, for others the Lord may have certain responsibilities or ministries for them that precludes them for getting married. Example is Paul, 1 Cor. 9:5. This is known as the Law of Supreme Sacrifice.

4. In single status the urgent need is to concentrate on your spiritual life to prepare you for marriage or to remain single.

5. There are times when it is better to be single rather than to be married simply because of having more time for the Lord. Along with marriage comes responsibilities to spouse and children.

6. In married status, time is consumed in
 - a. Making the marriage successful. Mate must not be neglected.
 - b. Training children. Children must not be neglected.
 - c. Providing physical needs of the family. Business must not be neglected.
 - d. Doing certain things in the Lord's service. Lord's ministry must not be neglected.

7. The Bible commands responsibilities in these areas.

8. All believers are in full-time Christian service.

9. Both single and married status are right. Each case must be judged on its own personal merits. Each person must decide for himself which is God's plan for him.

10. Celibacy is not holier than marriage. Spirituality, the filling of the Holy Spirit, is for both the single person as well as the married.

11. There are times when we have to choose between using our time for a legitimate activity (weeping, rejoicing, business) or using our time more for the Lord's ministry, 1 Cor. 7:30.