

While I'm Waiting

21-Day Devotional

For anyone who is ready to be married,
but waiting for God to lead them
to the right person at
the right time.

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INTRODUCTION

The next three weeks could change your life. Forever.

After choosing to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior, the choice of a life partner is the most important decision that you will make in your life. Don't be in too big a hurry. Be patient. Wait for God's perfect timing and allow Him to lead you to that person.

While you wait, God will help you prepare yourself.

You know *The Golden Rule*: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Think about this: If you allow God to help you become the kind of person that you would like to have as a spouse, I believe your chances of finding a suitable mate will increase dramatically.

While you wait, ask God to show you what you need to do in order to become that person.

How to Use This Devotional

Begin and end with prayer. Read the Scripture several times. As you meditate and reflect on the Scripture, ask the Lord to show you how it applies to your life right now. Journal honestly.

Keep a Journal

If you aren't in the habit of keeping a journal, I encourage you to start now. It doesn't have to be anything fancy—a simple spiral notebook will do just fine. If you prefer something more formal, there are many options available.

Keeping a journal has a two-fold purpose. As you follow the Journal Prompts in this Devotional, they will:

1. Help you become aware of important things going on in your life right now, such as decisions and changes you need to make.
2. Encourage you to put into words what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you.

REMEMBER

Waiting is not passive—it is purposeful alignment with God's will for your life.

DAY 1 — There Is a Season

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

Reflection: Waiting feels frustrating when you believe you are late. God calls it *seasonal*. A delay is not a denial—it is preparation. When you rush a season, you interrupt God's order.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust Your timing even when I don't understand it.

Journal Prompt: Where am I tempted to rush instead of trust?

DAY 2 — God's Timing Protects

Scripture: Proverbs 19:2

Also it is not good *for* a soul *to be* without knowledge,
And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.

Reflection: Desire without wisdom leads to regret. God's timing protects your heart from choices your emotions cannot sustain.

Prayer: God, guard me from moving faster than Your wisdom allows.

Journal Prompt: What has rushing cost me in the past?

DAY 3 — Waiting Is Not Punishment

Scripture: Psalm 27:14

Wait in faith on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Reflection: Waiting is not God withholding—it is God strengthening you. Use it as a time for spiritual growth, preparation, and building a stronger foundation within you to handle future blessings

Prayer: Teach me to wait with courage, not resentment.

Journal Prompt: How has waiting shaped my character so far?

DAY 4 — Peace Is a Signal

Scripture: Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Reflection: God leads with peace, not pressure. If confusion dominates, timing may be off—even if feelings are strong.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, teach me to recognize Your peace.

Journal Prompt: What feels peaceful in my life right now?

DAY 5 — Chemistry Is Not Confirmation

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Reflection: Attraction can be loud. Infatuation can be convincing. Never confuse emotional excitement with spiritual confirmation.

Prayer: Help me submit my feelings to Your truth.

Journal Prompt: Where have I mistaken feelings for guidance?

DAY 6 — Readiness Matters

Scripture: Luke 14:28

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it—

Reflection: God values preparation. Love without readiness creates strain instead of stability. Pray and obey—do your part to prepare YOURSELF for marriage.

Prayer: Show me where I still need growth.

Journal Prompt: What areas of my life need strengthening before marriage?

DAY 7 — Don't Marry Potential

Scripture: Matthew 7:16

You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

Reflection: Fruit reveals truth. God asks us to observe patterns, not promises. Take the apostle Paul's warning in 2 Corinthians 6:14 seriously.

Prayer: Give me discernment over optimism.

Journal Prompt: What fruit do I need to see before commitment? (Author's note: I strongly suggest "The Three Cs" – Christian, Compatible, and Committed)

DAY 8 — Waiting Builds Wisdom

Scripture: James 1:4

But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

Reflection: Patience completes you. Waiting matures your judgment and stabilizes your spirit.

Prayer: God, mature me through this season.

Journal Prompt: How has patience changed me?

DAY 9 — Loneliness Is Not a Calling

Scripture: Psalm 68:6

God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

Reflection: Loneliness should lead you to God—not to compromise. Take advantage of this season of singleness to strengthen your most important relationship—your relationship with the Lord.

Prayer: Meet me in my loneliness, Lord.

Journal Prompt: How do I usually respond to loneliness?

DAY 10 — Alignment Over Emotion

Scripture: Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

Reflection: Agreement in direction matters more than depth of feeling. Before getting emotionally involved, make sure that you and a potential mate are aligned with God's will.

Prayer: Align my desires with Your will.

Journal Prompt: What does alignment look like for me?

DAY 11 — Guard Your Heart Wisely

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Reflection: Guarding your heart means being intentional. Your thoughts, desires, and emotions dictate your life's direction. Be vigilant in managing input from media and people. Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Prayer: Teach me healthy boundaries.

Journal Prompt: Where do I need stronger boundaries?

DAY 12 — God Is Not in a Hurry

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward you, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Reflection: God moves deliberately, not anxiously. Remember—His timing is always perfect.

Prayer: Slow my spirit to match Yours.

Journal Prompt: What pressures make me feel rushed?

DAY 13 — Marriage Is Stewardship

Scripture: Luke 16:10

He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much.

Reflection: Marriage is a responsibility before it is a romance.

Prayer: Prepare me to steward love well.

Journal Prompt: What responsibilities come with marriage?

DAY 14 — Healing Comes Before Choosing

Scripture: Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their wounds.

Reflection: Unhealed wounds distort discernment.

Prayer: Heal what still hurts.

Journal Prompt: What past pain still affects my choices?

DAY 15 — God Works in the Waiting

Scripture: Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Reflection: Nothing in this season is wasted. God is working in your life even when you don't realize it.

Prayer: Help me see Your work here.

Journal Prompt: What good might God be working in my life now?

DAY 16 — Preparation Is Love

Scripture: Proverbs 24:27

Prepare your outside work,
Make it fit for yourself in the field;
And afterward build your house.

Reflection: Preparing now is loving your future spouse well.

Prayer: Help me be faithful in preparation.

Journal Prompt: How can I prepare practically?

DAY 17 — God's Best Requires Patience

Scripture: Hebrews 6:12

...that you do not become lazy, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Reflection: Faith and patience inherit promises.

Prayer: Strengthen my endurance.

Journal Prompt: What promise am I waiting on?

DAY 18 — Peace Confirms Direction

Scripture: Isaiah 26:3

You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.

Reflection: Peace is a confirmation, not an afterthought. Keep your mind on God and His Word. Trust Him to lead you, and you will experience peace.

Prayer: Anchor me in Your peace.

Journal Prompt: What steals my peace?

DAY 19 — God Is Writing Your Story

Scripture: Psalm 37:23

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.

Reflection: Your steps are ordered—even now. Stay on the unique path that God has laid out for your life. Don't follow the crowd—follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

Prayer: Help me trust the Author.

Journal Prompt: What chapter am I in?

DAY 20 — Waiting Refines Desire

Scripture: Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield;
The Lord will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.

Reflection: God refines what we ask for so we don't settle for less than the best that He has planned for us.

Prayer: Refine my desires.

Journal Prompt: How have my desires changed?

DAY 21 — Ready for God's Timing

Scripture: Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.

Reflection: God's timing arrives right on schedule. Prepare yourself—be ready.

Prayer: I trust You with my future.

Journal Prompt: How will I continue waiting well?

Closing Encouragement

Waiting well is not about standing still—it is about standing faithful. God honors patience, obedience, and trust.

If you were blessed by this devotional, I believe you would benefit from my book, *My Perfect One: How to Find and Marry the Right Person at the Right Time*. Please check it out, and pass this on to anyone who could benefit from it.

Thank you, and God bless you as you wait on the Lord.

