

WORD OF THE DAY



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"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (NIV)

I will never leave you



We were made for relationships. Our God is a god of relationships. From the beginning of creation, with Adam and Eve, and from eternity past in the union of the trinity, we see that relationships are important to God. In His creation plan, God could have created us to be hatched from eggs like chickens, or be even more independent of a family like plants which get their nutrients from the sun and the soil. Yet in God's great wisdom, the choice was made to have us born into families, seek relationships with friends, and pursue a permanent bond with a spouse.

Relationships serve many purposes. Our relationships allow us the opportunity to be a blessing to others, and they also allow others the opportunity to be a blessing to us. Strong relationships allow for individuals to speak correction and welcomed words of wisdom into the lives of others. However, one of the most important benefits in having relationships in this world is that they allow us the chance to have someone to be with us through the difficult times. Since we do not know everyone in this world, when times gets tough, it is important to have a close clan of comrades and companions who will stand by our side in our hardest moments.

Our strongest relationship should be in Christ. Although good friends, family members, and friendly fellows may stand by our side during hard times, people are only able to give so much. People get stressed, they have demands upon them (job, family, etc), and sometimes they just need to rest. Therefore there will be a time when everyone will leave us, because people are only human. During such times, let us not grow bitter, angry that people didn't do better in our eyes. Rather, let us turn to Jesus, the only one who promises to never leave us, and is able to keep that promise. We therefore don't have to chase after relationships, be covetous for money, or anything else we may feel we are lacking during hard times, because God will never leave us; always providing for us just what we need.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you feel that everyone has left you, remember that Jesus is still there. Call out to Him in prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you making the promise that you will never leave me. Please help me to not turn to money or unhealthy relationships during difficult times; but help me to always turn to you first. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

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