
Subject: Gift of Celibacy

Posted by [Mark L](#) on Sun, 21 Jan 2018 23:13:12 GMT

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I've been wanting to post this for a while but kept forgetting.

Celibacy of course at least according to google is

the state of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations.

For our purposes as Christians we could just say marriage. This subject has bothered me for a long time. Let me explain. Most of our assemblies are small churches and some far distant from others. As well we have (speaking of the faith message) people and disciples (of Jesus) scattered around by themselves wanting to have a mate but not able to find one. Or not part of a church big enough to find one. Or part of a small church and no other church close by.

We have others (again speaking of the faith message) who are celibate because of divorce. Uncomfortable remarrying because of the biblical view of remarriage (for the most part) being adultery. Or uncomfortable enough they are hesitant to go ahead.

What are these people supposed to do? Men and women with normal appetites and desires for life fellowship friendship physical needs desire to have a family etc. I'm not trying to be critical but I've heard ministers speak to the issue and it just seems to get passed over lightly.

I of course am married and don't have the problem but I know some close to me who do and I think would like to be rid of the problem. There is a solution!!!!

1 Cor.7/7-9 A gift of celibacy. Paul had it and apparently thought it would be good for everyone to have it.

Some time ago the Lord showed me a gift of celibacy. It is a supernatural gift that takes away all the normal needs God created us with and are met in marriage. It is a marvelous gift. I saw the gift inside a person. All the normal needs just going in a circle and being met inside the person themselves. It was marvelous. A gift well worth having. The person was completely content just being alone. Just happy on their own with no sexual needs and not lonely. It is a marvelous gift.

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- just simply single and don't want to marry but have all these feelings and needs

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Subject: Re: Gift of Celibacy
Posted by [william](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2018 03:03:49 GMT
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This topic certainly has a lot of "views" since you posted it last week!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Gift of Celibacy
Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2018 20:13:03 GMT
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It certainly has William, but yet no comments...lol

I wrote a long reply right after Mark posted it but something went haywire and I lost it...Oh well!

Unlike Mark I have lived this for 39 1/2 years (that is 14,476 days, but who's counting? lol) I prayed about it many, many times over years and as of today The Lord hasn't 'given' me the gift of celibacy. In reading all the scriptures pertaining to this subject and praying for wisdom to understand I am personally convinced that it is a gift that He chooses to give for His purposes and not something we can claim as ours through faith. I may be wrong and if I am then the problem's with me.

I believe God gave Paul that gift because of the call upon his life and what he was going to have to endure for the Gospels sake; it would have been extremely hard on a wife and children to go through the heartache of witnessing Paul's many trials, tribulations, and persecutions.

Anyway, my two cents...condensed version.

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Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2018 09:14:40 GMT

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You may have already stated your position, and pardon me for forgetting it you have, but do you believe that you are released from your first marriage? (Also, feel free to ignore, or even delete this, if that isn't something you want to answer.)

Another thing I just thought of... if you don't feel comfortable in praying, what would you think about Mark and me agreeing (Matt.18:19) together on this matter. (We could either pray for you a wife, or the gift...whichever you'd prefer!)

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William

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Posted by [james](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2018 15:39:58 GMT
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Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2018 16:29:22 GMT

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Well, we could pray for both but that might not be fair to the young maiden!

But now that I know: 1. You don't have the gift and 2. You would have no problems with re-marrying... I've gotten all the wisdom I need according to James 1 to proceed boldly in my prayer for you!

Blessings,
William
