

A Pair of Ducks!

No, wait a minute, I meant a paradox! Our life seems to be a paradox. A paradox is something that seems to exhibit contradictory aspects. Such is our call to live our lives.

On one hand we are reminded time after time that all we have is the present moment. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come for us, and so today, this present moment right now, is all that we really have for sure.

On the other hand we are taught to plan for the future, to work toward our goals of tomorrow, to save our money and to set our eyes on a golden time to come.

OK, what the heck are we suppose to do for real??? We are all travelers together on this journey called life and we all are at different points of our journey with different decisions that lay ahead of us.

Many of you are at a point where you are thinking seriously as to what your vocation in life is, what your call is, what the heck it is that you should do for the rest of your life. The list of options is long.

What college should I attend, if indeed college is where I should be? How am I going to pay for college if I go? What career do I want to pursue? Should I be looking for that Mr. or Mrs. Right or am I called to the single life or the religious life or the priesthood? How can I best use my God given talents to fulfill my mission here on earth? Have I even asked God for his opinion in this matter?

Wow, heavy stuff if you let it be. Mind boggling and totally overwhelming if you allow it to overtake you.

Life is a 'do as you go' thing. Many (many, many) years ago I thought I had it all laid out and decided what I wanted to do in life and what I wanted to accomplish. I loved math and I loved biology, so I pursued my studies in those areas. As life inched forward my love for these things remained but the focus of my life changed. I eventually became a carpenter! Now where is the math and biology in that?? Believe it or not, they are in there somewhere.

I am still on the journey, still changing as I go, still unsure of my next step, but very sure of my direction. That is where the present moment comes in. My life is made up of thousands and thousands of present moments and I need to stay in tune with each one of them as they happen. They are my guide for the next step.

If I have a direction in my life, and that direction is to serve God with the talents He gave me, then the aspects of the present moment is a good test to see if I am heading in the right direction. If I am at Peace, not necessarily 'happy', but at Peace, then I am fairly sure that I am fulfilling Gods will at the present moment and heading the right direction for the future.

All in all, there are no guarantees in life, but when we live our lives with Gods Will in our desire, we ARE guaranteed that He will honor and bless our efforts. Be at Peace in the present moment and the paradox of life will unfold as each day passes.

+Peace – tom

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