

Yes But

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Ecclesiastes 3 (NLT)

3 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ² A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ³ A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. ⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. ⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. ⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. ⁸ A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

I'm sure that you all know the above scripture. As I was praying earlier I heard the Lord tell me "Yes, but with Caution" and my response to Him was "You mean like the saying everything in moderation?" I believe He affirmed that by reminding me of the above scripture **Ecclesiastes**.

You see, my imagination tends to run amuck often so I find myself praying **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**

So by praying this scripture over my mind, I find myself coming back into a place of "obedience of Christ" with my thoughts and they aren't so scattered, however, there is a place for imagination and creativity.

I want to encourage all of us to be creative and use the imagination God gave us but within the boundaries of His goodness because it can be very easy to be carried away and find ourselves in a place of self-absorption and entitlement. I'm sure great inventors have to be reeled in occasionally because they would never get anything done if they were left to their imaginations 24/7.

There has to be a time for everything and a casting down of anything that puffs itself up above the Lord God Almighty because these things can easily become addictions and then we will find ourselves creating a place for something that should have never had one and we will excuse it and give it place and eventually we won't even recognize that it has taken the place of Jesus.

Jesus... Who's rightful place is on the throne of our hearts. You may hear Him say yes, but proceed with caution and wisdom. There's a healthy freedom in His boundaries and there's always grace to help us get there.