

# Waiting instead of settling

I don't understand today's relationships. I don't understand how young teens can tell each other they love each other after they have been only dating for a month, and then break up the next. Love is a very powerful word, but evidently it has very little meaning these days.

I guess you would call me "old school," but when I tell somebody I love him or her I mean it. I don't throw the word around like it doesn't mean anything. I feel most of today's high school relationships are just superficial. If you don't have one, then you're weird, or if you have never dated someone, then you're a nun. Many teens have a boyfriend or girlfriend one day, then turn around the next day and have a new one.

I'm sure people think that I'm weird because I haven't had a serious boyfriend. It's not like I haven't received any offers, I just don't say yes to everybody who comes my

way. Why would I settle for somebody when I can wait for somebody who I deserve and who deserves me?

Some teens today can't be alone. They always have to be with their boyfriend or girlfriend. Trust me, it's okay to stay at your house on the weekend. I do it almost every weekend and I'm perfectly fine! I honestly like being by myself. I like the

quietness and being away from everything. There is something so satisfying to me about staying in my pajamas and watching a movie on the couch.

I'm not the kind of person who needs to be around somebody all the time or who needs a boyfriend all the time. I like to take my time and get to know somebody before I make a rash decision.

My great grandmother always said, "If you can't see yourself marrying somebody, then what's the point of dating them at all."

So don't settle for anybody. Wait for the right person.



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