

Our Life Calling

I Corinthians 7:17-40

I. What can we learn from this passage?

- A.** We must not constantly seek to upgrade our situation but to _____ our effectiveness in preaching the gospel to those within our realm of influence. V. 17-24
- B.** There are some _____ truths concerning the issue of slavery. V. 21-23
 - 1. The _____ does not promote slavery. V. 21, 23
 - 2. Slavery was a system of _____. The system of slavery in America was forbidden. **Exodus 21:16**
- C.** Singleness is just as much an _____ as being married for a believer. V. 26, 35, 37, 39
- D.** We must do everything in our power to have strong, lasting, and _____ marriages. V. 27-28, 39

II. How can we apply these truths to our life?

- A.** Let's take an inventory of our _____.
 - 1. What is your current _____ situation?
 - 2. What is God trying to tell you about things that you need to _____ on?
 - 3. What is your current _____ situation?
 - 4. What is your _____ toward your daily tasks?
- B.** We must defend our faith from the _____ that are going on around us toward Christianity.
 - 1. Can you defend your faith against the _____ regarding: slavery, treatment of women, treatment of children, treatment of minorities, treatment of non-believers, etc.?
 - 2. We must be aware of the _____ going on around us. We must know and acknowledge that some Christians have sinned in their treatment of others. We must seek to treat others as Christ did without siding with those who would destroy us.