

**I Corinthians 7:17-40 PART THREE- What To Focus On In Your Station In Life  
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**"If any man is in Christ he is a new creation; the old things pass away; behold new things have come." II Corinthians 5:17**

And old saying, "Wherever you go; you have to take you with you."

No change of outside circumstances will really change the person you are on the inside. If you think you only need to change your outside circumstances then your most disappointing day will be getting the circumstances just right, and still not being content.

Paul is reminding them that no outside circumstances can slow down the transformation that Christ is working in their heart. **Romans 8:31-39**

Of course, if you can get a better circumstance for you and your family, that is a worthy goal! If you think it will "fix" what troubles you **in the depth of your heart** then you will be wrong.

When the excitement of this new life in Christ was taking hold of these Corinthians some felt they need to change as many of their outward circumstances and roles they play, as they can!

**"What should change in my life now that I know Christ?"** This is what Paul is answering for them.

**Ex. II Thessalonians 3: 6-15** - The believers were excited about the second coming of Christ, and somebody was teaching the day is here, right now! (**II Thessalonians 2: 1-4**) As a result of this, some were quitting work and just hanging around, and then having to bum off of the other believers.

\*\*\*\*\* Question 5 and 6 answered today. \*\*\*\*\*

**5. Ought Christian fathers give their daughters in marriage?**

The subject introduced in 7:25 but not answered till 7:28, 34, 36-38

**6. May a Christian widow remarry? 7:39-40**

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**7:17** A great principle Paul lived by. **Philippians 4:11, 13, 19**

**7:18-20 Circumcision-** At this particular time it was a big deal. Jews in the area were not looked upon favorably. If a Jew became a believer he might consider a surgery to undo a circumcision.

Or a Gentile thinking that being circumcised was needed to know the Messiah and Savior.

**Galatians 5:6** “ For in Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.”

**Colossians 3:11** “,,, a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.”

**7:21-24 Slavery** “ If you are able also to become free, rather do that.” “You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.” **Romans 6, Galatians 3:26-29, Philemon 1:16**

**7: 25-38 Giving a daughter in marriage-** Paul introduces the subject in 25.

**7:26 “Present distress”** This is to be heavily considered in making comment on Chapter 7.

Probably not a good time to be making major outward changes.

**7:35** Another key to the meaning of the Chapter. “,,, promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.”

**7:39-40**

**Question 6: May a Christian widow remarry?** Yes, but only “,,,in the Lord.”

**II Corinthians 6:14** A term of marriage