

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **January 9, 2022** Family Theme | **Contentment in Christ** Study Text | **1 Corinthians 7:1-40**

Objective: Help your children and grandchildren learn to be content by seeing every circumstance as an opportunity to serve and honor God.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: In this part of his letter to the Corinthians around AD 55, Paul answered questions they had about marriage and instructed them concerning being content in Christ no matter their circumstances.

Bible Basics: Review Colossians 3:17 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: 1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about how we can learn to be content by seeing every situation as an opportunity to grow in our faith and serve and honor God.



Key Truth: Christians Can Be Content Whatever Their Marital Status (1 Corinthians 7:1-16)

Knowing the sexual temptation these believers were struggling with, Paul instructed each man to have his own wife and each woman to have her own husband. The verb for “have” as used here was also a synonym for sexual relations. Further, the husband was to seek to meet the sexual needs of his wife and likewise the wife to her husband. Meeting each other’s sexual needs helps spouses find contentment in this particular area. Then Paul acknowledged the various marital situations a person could find him or herself in and encouraged each one to learn to be content in the situation they were in.



Key Truth: Christians Can Be Content Whatever Their Calling, Profession, or Circumstances (1 Corinthians 7:17-24)

Not only did the members of the church find themselves in various marital situations, but also in different jobs, professions, and even in various levels of society. Paul used the word *calling* or *condition* to refer to people’s occupations, professions, or life circumstances. They were to view their circumstances as God’s calling for that time in their lives, and seek to be content and serve the Lord there until He led them into different circumstances. With this perspective, every person’s profession or circumstances are essentially a ministry that God has called him or her to. Regardless of ethnicity, nationality, occupation, or social status, the believer is to live his or her life in relationship with God and in a way that brings honor to God.



Key Truth: Walking With Christ Brings Contentment No Matter Our Circumstances (1 Corinthians 7:25-40)

Paul wanted his audience to understand that they could find contentment by walking with and serving the Lord no matter their particular situations. We are to put the Lord first in our lives whether married or single. Paul pointed out that there are actually advantages to remaining single. Those who are single have less

worry and distraction to hinder their service to God. Nevertheless, Paul found no fault in getting married within biblical guidelines. God is with us whatever our situation. And believers should always seek to find contentment and fulfillment in Him rather than in another person or situation.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What does it mean to be content?
- What are reasons that many people are not content?
- How can we cultivate contentment in our family?
- How does viewing our jobs or circumstances as places of ministry help us be content?
- Where can true contentment be found?
- What can you do to cultivate contentment in your life this week?
- **For Elementary:** What are reasons that many people are not content?
- **For Elementary:** Is your attitude of contentment more like Solomon's or Paul's?

Everyday Extras

Have your children make a list of what they want for Christmas next year. Suggest that they put away everything they received this year and only concentrate on what they do not have. They will probably have some opinions on the value of this suggestion! Use the opportunity to talk about contentment with what we have. With your older children, spend a few minutes looking at the wealth scale that compares America's average income with that of other countries. Even those with very low incomes in the U.S. fare better than most of the rest of the world. One cure for discontentment is gratitude. Ask your child to thank God not only for his or her food today, but for all the toys, books, activities, and other provisions God has given you!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned about the different ways he or she could be like Jesus. Showing kindness, being forgiving, and caring for and loving others are all ways we can be like Jesus. We can learn who Jesus is by coming to church, reading the Bible, and praying. **I Can Be More Like Jesus** in my words and actions.