

# Revolution of Regeneration

## **intro:**

Phil 3:1; 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always...

## **Problem:**

Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven

Matt 6:24-34

seek first when???(absolute statement no if clause)

James 1:2-4)

not only when things are good but when...

## **Main Idea:**

when your marriage is failing

when your career is floundering

when your dream is fading

For contentment is found in Christ

## **Implication:**

The gospel is not a revolution of society...yet

The gospel is a revolution of the heart

It is a revolution of regeneration

God has not only promised us new life to come, He has made our old life new right now IN Christ

Contentment is found in Christ even here

## **Application:**

Blessed are you - Re-enchanted your present circumstances -

they matter

## **End:**

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/your-job-as-ministry>

[https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1056&context=pretrib\\_arch](https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1056&context=pretrib_arch)

<https://www.gty.org/library/articles/DD04/divorce-and-remarriage>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/remarriage-adultery.html>

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## Text:

### Seek first the kingdom of Heaven

#### When your marriage is failing

1Corinthians 7:10 ¶ I to the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife **should not separate** from her husband

1Corinthians 7:11 (but if she does, she should **remain unmarried** or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband **should not divorce** his wife.

1Corinthians 7:12 ¶ To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he **should not divorce** her.

1Corinthians 7:13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she **should not divorce** him.

1Corinthians 7:14 **For** the unbelieving husband is **made holy** because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is **made holy** because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are **holy**.

1Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, **let it be so**. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. **God has called you to peace**.

1Corinthians 7:16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will **save your husband**? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will **save your wife**?

*matt 5:31-32 (general advice to specific answer about separating marriages when one is saved and the other not - not complete theology...)*

*gen 18:22-33 (for the sake of one in a household) (Ex 12:21-27 (made holy - household treated in blessings of christian community*

*(jer 15:1-2 (serious because it breaks obvious precedent)*

*lk 5:17-25 (their faith???) (acts 16:31 (eph 2:1-10 (our faith is a gift of God given to others and for others...)*

*1 pet 2:11-3:2 (a gracious thing - we are a means of grace in a fallen world - in a fallen marriage)*

### When your career is floundering

1Corinthians 7:17 ¶ **Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.**

1Corinthians 7:18 Was anyone at the time of his call **already** circumcised? **Let him not seek** to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? **Let him not seek** circumcision.

1Corinthians 7:19 **For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.**

1Corinthians 7:20 Each one should **remain in the condition in which he was called**.

1Corinthians 7:21 Were you a bondservant when called? **Do not be concerned** about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.)

1Corinthians 7:22 For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ.

1Corinthians 7:23 You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.

1Corinthians 7:24 So, brothers, **in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.**

*eph 2:10 (the Lord has assigned you good works)*

*eph 6:1-10 (invest in you career as to the Lord- when Christianity becomes married to changing circumstances it loses its message)*

*(col 3:12-25 (re-enthrone your career - every circumstance do all for the glory of God 1 cor 10:31)*

*Philemon (He didn't merely give you a new life He made your old life new*

### When your dreams are fading

1Corinthians 7:25 ¶ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

1Corinthians 7:26 I think that in view of **the present distress** it is good for a person to **remain as he is**.

1Corinthians 7:27 Are you bound to a wife? **Do not seek** to be free. Are you free from a wife? **Do not seek** a wife.

1Corinthians 7:28 But if you do marry, **you have not sinned**, and if a betrothed woman marries, **she has not sinned**. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.

1Corinthians 7:29 This is what I mean, brothers: **the appointed time has grown very short**. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none,

1Corinthians 7:30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods,

1Corinthians 7:31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. **For the present form of this world is passing away**.

1Corinthians 7:32 ¶ I want you to be **free from anxieties**. The unmarried man is **anxious** about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

1Corinthians 7:33 But the married man is **anxious** about worldly things, how to please his wife,

1Corinthians 7:34 and his **interests are divided**. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is **anxious** about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is **anxious** about worldly things, how to please her husband.

1Corinthians 7:35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to **secure your undivided devotion to the Lord**.

*lk 14:15-35 (re-enthrone love for Him - undivided devotion)*

*matt 13:44-46 (not a call for balance)*

*lk 12:13-31 (present form of this world - seek first - added unto you???)*

*mk 10:23-31 (when your loneliness is frustrating - receive in the age to come a hundred fold)*

*2 Tim 2:1-10 (you don't try too build a permanent life in the midst of a battle)*

*2 pet 3:8-15 (re-enthrone this present pursuit (3:15) whether dictator or democracy)*

### Contentment is found in Christ

1Corinthians 7:36 ¶ If (since) anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—**it is no sin**.

1Corinthians 7:37 But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, **he will do well**.

1Corinthians 7:38 So then he who marries his betrothed **does well**, and he who refrains from marriage **will do even better**.

1Corinthians 7:39 ¶ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

1Corinthians 7:40 **Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is**. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

*Phil 4:4-13 (marriage is not a means of escape even from loneliness -implication)*

*matt 5:1-16 (happier -blessed are you - re-enthrone your present circumstances)*

*(gal 6:9 (they matter)*

## Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED  
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
  - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
  - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
  - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
  - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED  
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

### Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

### Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
  - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
  - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
  
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
  - How does this message change or impact your:
    - Prayer Life?
    - Evangelism?
    - Bible Reading?
    - Christian Relationships?
    - Non-Christian relationships?
    - Parenting?
    - Role as a Husband/Wife?
    - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**