

1 Corinthians 7:10-24

The rare jewel of Christian contentment...

1. Divorce and the word of God (7:10-16)

- **General principle: don't divorce – verses 10-11**
- **Specific case: mixed marriages – verses 12-13**
- **Exceptions – verse 15 (and Matthew 5:32)**
- **Why stay together? – verses 14,16**

2. Contentment and the call of God (7:17-24)

- **The Lord calls and assigns**
- **So, don't be driven by a desire to change your circumstances**

God's providence is
his almighty and ever present power,
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,
come to us not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27)

- **Remember that you remain... “with God”**