

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:17-19
Topic: Contentment
Study: First Corinthians
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Where You're Planted **part 1**
When the Grass Looks Greener



1. Start _____ (v.17)

2. Stop _____ (v.18)

3. Work _____ (v.19)

1 Cor. 7:17-19

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.

This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised.

Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised.

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Would people describe you as contented, satisfied and at peace with the life you have currently been assigned? Knowing what really goes on in your heart, how would you say you are doing when it comes to the tenth commandment?

While most people are slow to confess that they are greedy, what areas of your life come the closest to earning that descriptive indictment?

2. What habits, patterns or participations in your life fuel your desire to *keep up with the Joneses*?

Which of these avenues of temptation can be easily eliminated this week?

3. How would you rate your complaining to thanksgiving ratio? What can you do this week to curtail the one and enhance the other?

Write out a prayer of thanksgiving that reflects an understanding of God's sovereign and strategic placement of you in your neighborhood, workplace, family, etc.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Esth. 7-8 & Ps. 81-82

Monday

Esth. 9-10 & Ps. 83-84

Tuesday

Job 1-2 & Ps. 85-86

Wednesday

Job 3-4 & Ps. 87-88

Thursday

Job 5-6 & Ps. 89

Friday

Job 7-8 & Ps. 90-91

Saturday

Job 9-10 & Ps. 92-93

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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