

1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

"Live as You are Called"

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

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**“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love,
just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”**

John 15:10



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3. The Social Practice of Contentment: Serve the Lord regardless of your social status in life. (v.21-24)

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**“Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”
Colossians 3:22-24**

“Next to faith this is the highest art - to be content with the calling in which God has placed you.” - Martin Luther

