

I. CONSIDER JOSEPH'S RESTRAINT

- Matthew 1:19 But because Joseph was a just man, he did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace.
HE WAS COMPASSIONATE

- Matthew 1:19b He had in mind to divorce her quietly.

HE WAS CONTEMPLATIVE

- Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things an angel appeared to him
- Matthew 1:20 While he thought... an angel appeared in a dream saying, "Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

II. NOTICE JOSEPH'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Matthew 1:19 Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man...
 - just: dik'-ah-yos: innocent; holy; just; righteous
- Matthew 5:37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For anything more than this is from the evil one.
- Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Isaiah 1:18 Come now, let us reason together, says The Lord, though your sins are as scarlet they shall be white as snow...