

Divorce

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What does the Bible say about marriage?

Marriage is a man and woman coming together as one and creating a new _____ . Gen. 2:23-25

Marriage is to be held in _____ . Heb.13:4

What does the Bible say about divorce?

God _____ divorce. Malachi 2:16

The word **indecency** here means, _____ . Deut. 24:1

It seemed to mean some **repulsive or indecent exposure**.

What did Jesus say was an acceptable reason for divorce?

Unchastity can mean one of three things.

- 1) adultery
- 2) unfaithfulness during the period of betrothal
- 3) marriage between near relatives

God's expectation is that a man and woman will be married until _____.

Moses permitted divorce because of the _____

_____ .

What if adultery is not the reason for divorce?

1 Corinthians 7

Both Paul and Christ's teachings agree that believers, married to each other, should not _____ but if they do they should remain _____ Vs.10-11

So Paul is encouraging believers to stay married to their unbelieving spouse unless the unbelieving spouse _____ Vs. 12-13

If a married believer is divorced by their unbelieving spouse they are free to _____ . Vs. 27-28

Discussion questions:

- 1) What do we harden our hearts over or are stubborn about?
- 2) What is the benefit of remaining married?
- 3) How is divorce hurtful?
- 4) In Matthew 5:3-20 what attributes, actions, behaviors can you find that can help you in your marriage, your relationship with your children or in other relationships that you encounter?

Matthew 5:3-30

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Disciples and the World

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; **15** nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. **17** "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. **18** For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. **19** Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to *do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Verses for 3/08/22

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Genesis 2:23-25

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh;
☐She shall be called ☐Woman, Because ☐she was taken out of ☐Man."

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage bed is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Malachi 2:16 For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I hate divorce *and* marital separation and him who covers his garment [his wife] with violence. Therefore keep a watch upon your spirit [that it may be controlled by My Spirit], that you deal not treacherously *and* faithlessly [with your marriage mate]. (Amplified Bible)

Deut. 24:1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts *it* in her hand and sends her out from his house,...

Mark 10:2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and *began* to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. **3** And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" **4** They said, "Moses permitted a *man* to write a certificate of divorce and send *her* away." **5** But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. **6** But from the beginning of creation, *God* made them male and female. **7** For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, **8** and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. **9** What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." **10** In the house the disciples *began* questioning Him about this again. **11** And He *said* to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; **12** and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

Luke 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" 4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." 7 They *said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send *her* away?" 8 He *said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

1 Cor. 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters* is the keeping of the commandments of God.

1 Cor. 7: 10-13 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband 11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife. 12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

1Cor. 7:15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

1 Cor. 7:25-28 Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy. **26** I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is. **27** Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. **28** But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.