

Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage – Part 2

Malachi 2:13-16

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I. Four Potential allowances for divorce and remarriage

1. Adultery (ongoing and unrepentant)
2. Abandonment (Unbeliever physically leaves)
3. Divorce before salvation
4. Abuse (Life is truly in danger— Some Believers would say one must leave and not divorce or divorce and not remarry—this may also include constant emotional or verbal abuse)

II. Scriptures to Know concerning this difficult subject

Malachi 2:13-16	Page #951
Matthew 5:23-24, 27-32	Page #961
Matthew 18:15-18	Page #978
Matthew 19:3-9	Page # 979
Matthew 22:34-40	Page # 984
1 Corinthians 7:12-16	Page # 1145
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Ephesians 5:31-33

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2 Timothy 3:1-5

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1 Peter 2:9-10

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1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

FAMILY FAITH SHEET

Transformation Verse- Honor the Lord from your wealth... Proverbs 3:9 (NASB) (CRefs.- Ex. 25:2, 1 Chron. 29:9, Ezra 28:8)

Monday, 12-10-12 - Reflecting on Yesterday

1. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. Read Malachi 2:13-16. What is the difference between a covenant and a contract?
3. What is it about God's nature that causes Him to "hate" divorce among His people? (see Psalm 96:13, 100:5)
4. Pray for marriages that you know are struggling and singles who might one day marry.

Tuesday, 12-11-12 -Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Matthew 5:23-32. What truths do you see pertaining to marriage, purity, relationships, divorce?
2. Why do you think divorce is so prevalent for those who "go to church" and why is divorce rarer for those who truly walk with Christ? (Gal 5:16)
3. What are you/your family doing to support and strengthen marriages?

Wednesday, 12-12-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Galatians 6:1-5. Why is it important for people who have struggling marriages to turn to "spiritual" (Spirit filled) people for advice, encouragement, etc.? (see also John 3:6)
2. Paul Tripp says that love is "Willing self-sacrifice for another without asking for reciprocation and in spite of the person being undeserving". How might true love prevent divorce and when might even true love fail to keep a marriage together? (see also Rom. 12:18)
3. Pray for anyone the Lord brings to your mind.

Thursday, 12-13-12 – Preparing for this Upcoming Sunday

1. Read Matthew 19:1-12. Write out what truths you discover concerning marriage and divorce.
2. Read verse 8 again. Would this "truth" include someone being continually physically abused? What would you tell someone who is being emotionally abused? (Prov 9:7-8, 22:3, 2 Tim 3:1-5)

Friday, 12-14-12 – Preparing Ourselves for this Sunday

1. Read Genesis 1:26-28 & 2:24-25. One of the reasons for marriage is Partnership. Why is being partnered with someone or a local church so important? What does our design have to do with this reason?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-28. Another reason for marriage is to Procreate (to develop image bearers for God's glory), especially in adoption this truth is crucial. How can we tell if we are concerned with passing on our own DNA or developing disciples? Explain.

Saturday, 12-15-12 – Preparing for Tomorrow

1. Read Genesis 2:24-25. Another reason for marriage is Pleasure. Were you taught this as a child? Is it difficult or easy for you to believe? Explain.
2. One more reason for marriage is Proclaiming the Gospel. (Ephesians 5:15-33)
3. Pray for God's name to be honored.