



“If you continue in My word,
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

Divorce Is Not an Option

Matthew 5:31-32 “It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

As Solomon said in Ecclesiastes, there is “nothing new under the sun.” Divorce and remarriage was obviously a problem in Jesus’ day as it is in ours, and He gives us God’s heart on the matter in these verses where He again raises the standard for the Christian in the new covenant.

In Matthew 19:8 Jesus brings out that the putting away of a spouse comes from hardness of heart. What does it mean to be hard-hearted, and how does divorce reveal a hard heart? _____

What does Proverbs 13:10 teach us about where the contention that leads to divorce comes from? _____

Romans 7:2-3 “For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.”

1 Corinthians 7:39 “The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be

dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.”

According to Romans 7:2,3 and 1 Cor. 7:39, what is the only thing that can free a wife from the marriage bond? _____

Is it possible to have the spirit of divorce in your marriage even though you are still together? What does that look like and how can we avoid it? _____

Experiencing true “oneness” in our marriages is probably the greatest safeguard against the sin of divorce that we can have. What are the ingredients that bring about that kind of unity? _____

How could the pressures of a strained marriage become the tool in God’s hand to impart the beatitudes into our lives? _____

Are You a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Is it settled in your heart that divorce is not an option for the disciple of Jesus?
2. Is there a spirit of divorce or “hard-heartedness” in your marriage even though you are still together?

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Doers of the Word

What are you going to do with God’s Word today?

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Further Study: Mk 10:11-12, Gen 2:18-25, Matt 19:3 Col. 3:12-19

“...And you shall know The Truth,
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

