

REVITALIZING YOUR MARRIAGE
1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Corinthians 7 is the marriage chapter of the Bible that offers insights into ways we can improve our marriage.
3. Consider two final suggestions that will help you improve your marriage or offer encouragement to others.

I. NEVER CONSIDER DIVORCE

- A. Many marriages no longer believe in “till death do us part.”
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.10:** “*Now to the married...*” Paul addresses four groups in Corinth. (vs. 8,10,12-16,27,28)
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.10:** “*I give this command*”
 3. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.10:** “*A wife is not to depart from her husband*” Couples are commanded not to divorce.
 4. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.11:** “*But even if she does depart...*”
- B. To improve your marriage, divorce should never be considered as an option. (Mal. 2.13-16)

II. HELP EACH OTHER GO TO HEAVEN

- A. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.12:** “*Now to the rest, I, not the Lord...*”
 1. This not Paul’s opinion, but the inspired word of God in addition to what Jesus already taught. (cf. 1 Cor. 2.13)
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.12-15:** “*If any brother has a wife who does not believe...*” Such a marriage is sanctioned.
 3. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.16:** “*For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband*”
- B. To improve your marriage, help your spouse get to heaven.
 1. The command to “*go and make disciples*” begins at home with your spouse. (Matt. 28.19)
 2. Wives can “*without a word*” can save their husbands by their “*chaste conduct*” (1 Pet. 3.1)
 3. Husbands and wives are “*heirs together*” (1 Pet. 3.7)

CONCLUSION: Our time is short (Rom. 11.33). Waste no time being the spouse God wants you to be.

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-Mark 16.15

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

“BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY”

The last two chapters of 1 Peter set before us a major thought. We are to have the mindset of Christ (1 Pet. 4.1). From this major thought, the rest of the book details two ways that we are to think like Christ. First, we are to think like Christ by having a mindset of a servant (1 Pet. 5.5). Second, we are to think like Christ by having a mindset of humility (1 Pet. 5.6).

In 1 Peter 5.5, Paul issues an imperative statement: “*Be clothed with humility.*” Of great interest, “clothed” translates a Greek word describing an apron. It was typically worn by servants to protect their garments while working. Peter is telling us that when you have the mind of Christ, you need to be a servant. As a servant, put on a servant’s apron which is humility. You cannot have the mind of Christ and live as a servant while being filled with pride. To be an effective servant, you need to be humble.

This same thought is expressed in Philippians 2.1-5. In verse 3, we are told to have a “*lowliness of mind*” (humility). In verse 4, we are told to “*look out...for the interests of others*” (servants). In verse 5, we are told to “*let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus*” (think like Christ).

Do you want God to give you His grace? **1 PETER 5.6:** “*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*” CLP

THE PASSION TO ACT

EXODUS 3:10

INTRODUCTION:

1. God expects His people to serve Him with passion.
 - a) **TITUS 2.14:** “*zealous for good works.*”
 - b) **1 PETER 2.2:** “*desire the pure milk of the word.*”
 - c) **REVELATION 3.19:** “*be zealous and repent*” (with v. 15)
2. How can we have the passion to be active?

I. UNFOLDING THE TEXT

- A. There is a chronology.
 1. **EXODUS 3.1:** “*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian.*”
 2. Three section of the life of Moses. (Acts 7.20-30)
- B. There is a geography.
 1. **EXODUS 3.1:** “*A Horeb, the mountain of God.*”
 2. Moses was a long way from home.
- C. There is a theology.
 1. God is represented. (Ex. 3.2; 1 Tim. 6.16)
 2. God is incredible. (Ex. 3.2; Ps. 48.1; Rom. 11.33)
 3. God is eternal. (Ex. 3.14; John 5.26; Ps. 90.2)
 4. God is compassionate. (Ex. 3.4,7-9; Ps. 8.3,4)
 5. God is separated. (Ex. 3.5; Isa. 57.15; Rev. 4.8)

II. HERE AM I, DON'T SEND ME?

- A. We are commanded to love God. (Mark 12.30)
 1. **MARK 12.29:** “*The first of all the commandments is...*”
 2. **MARK 12.30:** “*Love the Lord your God with all...*”
 3. **MARK 12.30:** “*all your heart*” Your emotions.
 4. **MARK 12.30:** “*all your soul*” Your psyche.
 5. **MARK 12.30:** “*all your strength*” Your abilities.
 6. **MARK 12.30:** “*all your mind*” Your intellect.
- B. Jesus was addressing those who did not love God.
 1. The Pharisees. (Mark 12.13; Matt. 15.3,8,9)
 2. The Herodians. (Mark 12.13)
 3. The Sadducees. (Mark 12.18)
 4. The Scribes. (Mark 12.28)
- C. The solution: Love God and neighbor. (Mark 12.30,31)

CONCLUSION: God has a passion for you.

WHY ARE THERE FEW WHO ARE SAVED?

It just does not make any sense. God has offered His salvation to the world, but there are very few who will accept it. It has always been that way. Noah was a “*preacher of righteousness*” (2 Pet. 2.5). For a hundred and twenty years, he preached a good news message that salvation from the coming global flood was available to them. But the only one who were saved were Noah and his family (2 Pet. 2.5). Why do so many reject the invitation to be saved? Why are there so few who are saved? In this article, we will examine the first of three reasons.

Reason #1: The road to heaven is hard. Jesus tells us that the way to destruction is “*easy...and those who enter by it are many.*” In contrast, the way that leads to eternal life is “*hard...and those who find it are few*” (Matt. 7.13,14). There are only two choices. Most people will choose the path that leads to destruction because it is the easy choice.

If you put the statement of Jesus into the context, you are coming to the end of the sermon on the mount that spans from Matthew five through Matthew seven. It is a sermon that centers around being right with God. The scribes and Pharisees were self-righteous. Jesus tells His audience that “*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5.20). If you want to be right, you have to do better than the scribes and Pharisees. With that, Jesus preaches this very challenging sermon on how to be righteous thus enter the kingdom of heaven. What Jesus taught is very difficult to implement. The life that Jesus demands is a life many are not willing to live. So Jesus made the statement that the way to life is narrow and difficult.

Most people will choose the path of least resistance. Perhaps you have heard this expression when it comes to success in any area of life: “If it was easy, everyone would do it.” There is a reason why you have the top 1% who are successful. It is not because of a lack of ability or opportunity. Most people will not find the success they want in life because doing so is hard.

The life of a Christian is hard, and most people are not willing to do what it takes. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus teaches that everyone is invited, but some were not willing to conform to the requirements (Matt. 22.1-14). Therefore Jesus concluded, “*For many are called, but few are chosen*” (Matt. 22.14). Are you willing to do what it takes...even if it is hard? CLP