

“What JESUS Said About Marriage”

Matthew 19:1-12

1. The Pharisees attempted to _____ JESUS by asking him, “Is it _____ for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?” **V.3**
Two influential rabbis, Shammai and Hillel, taught _____ views on divorce.
 - A. Shammai held the Law rigidly, permitting a man to divorce his wife only because of _____.
 - B. Hillel permitted men to divorce their wives _____.

2. JESUS answered the Pharisees with _____, the foundation of everything. **V.4** (If we build a marriage after GOD’s ideal _____, we will not have to worry about divorce laws.)
 - A. From Genesis 1:27 (WHY?) CHRIST stated, “HE _____ them male and female.” (following, not _____ the Design is critical)
 - B. JESUS went on stating, “For this reason (_____) ... a man shall leave his father and mother. (there must be a _____ to a new _____ and to a new commitment) **V.5** Genesis 2:24
 - C. JESUS gave the _____ for leaving, so the “Two can become _____ ... no longer two, but _____.”
 1. This means there still are two _____, with different gifts, _____, _____, and strengths.
 2. But now with the _____ of One Team, One _____, One Value system, and One _____ purpose of serving the _____ Purpose of the ONE that made us all.
This mysterious, wonderful plan of being _____, but extremely beautiful and highly _____, could only be designed by GOD. Eph. 5:32
 3. Sex is designed by the Creator to be a _____ to a man and his wife, because it brings _____. Any kind of sex outside of Biblical marriage is always _____ and debilitating. You cannot have Oneness with _____. Also we do not marry to simply _____ lust.
 4. “Two are _____ than one, because they have a good _____ for their work.” Eccl. 4:9 Are you working together? Are you making _____ better? Do you cherish and value the _____ in your spouse? OR do you _____ because of the differences? Do you treat your _____ better than anyone else on earth?

- D. JESUS clearly said, “What GOD has joined together, _____

_____ separate.” **V.6** Is this pretty clear speech?

3. The Pharisees replied, “Why then did Moses command (a _____ of Deut. 24:1-4) to give her a certificate of divorce?” (and _____ of her) **V.7**
4. JESUS stated, “Moses _____ divorce, because of your _____.” JESUS continued, “this kind of selfish behavior was not GOD’s _____ from the beginning.” **V.8**
 - A. _____ (Sin) is the root of all sin, and the cause of divorce. Having _____ destroy marriages, families, and churches.
 - B. Divorce means we _____. _____ does not quit on people. Mal. 2:14-17, Jer. 3:8 Yet _____ quit on HIM all the time. James 4:4 HE will not _____ people to love HIM.
 - C. Divorce can happen to good people that _____, because their wayward spouse gives them _____ because of the hardness of their selfish heart. (Do not _____ with bad behavior)
5. The Disciples essentially said, “If marriage requires this kind of commitment, maybe we _____ get married.” **V.10**
6. CHRIST made it clear that each person must consider _____ _____ for themselves concerning marriage. **V.11-12**

Some may not marry because of:

 - A. _____ or emotional challenges **“born”**
 - B. A person’s _____ in society **“made eunuchs”**
 - C. The Call to _____ for ministry. 1 Cor. 7:32-35

Pastor’s Exhortations:

1. The more you _____ in your marriage, the more _____ your marriage will be. Galatians 6:6-8 (like being _____?)
2. _____ is a great way to invest consistently in the future of your marriage. Four coaching mornings, 8:15am till 12:30pm. June 5, July 17, August 28, October 16 (\$200 per couple) Please get your own childcare. www.churchofthesavior.net/grace-marriage
3. Two imperfect people, with all their baggage and pain, have to _____ to invest _____ into their marriage, in order to have a great marriage.

