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# **BIBLICAL ANSWERS**

*concerning*

# **MARRIAGE**



*The Institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of maintaining a family base.*

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**WHAT IS MARRIAGE?**

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24

But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife. 1Corinthians 7:33

...But she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband. 1Corinthians 7:34

**WHY GET MARRIED?**

So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:27-28

And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Genesis 2:18

**HOW DOES THE UNMARRIED OR WIDOWED FIND A COMPATIBLE MATE?**

I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. 1Corinthians 7:8-9

**WHAT ARE THE WIFE'S DUTIES?**

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 1Timothy 5:14

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Titus 2:4-5

**WHAT ARE THE HUSBANDS DUTIES?**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. Ephesians 5:25

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1Timothy 5:8

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 5:33:4

**HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR MARRIAGE ALIVE?**

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.  
Proverbs 18:22

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Ephesians 5:21

**HOW SHOULD A COUPLE RESPOND SEXUALLY TO EACH OTHER?**

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, *and* not of commandment. 1Corinthians 7:3-6

**DOES THE HUSBAND HAVE RULE OVER THE WIFE OR ARE THEY EQUAL?**

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. Genesis 3:16

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Ephesians 5:23

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. 1Timothy 3:2-4

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She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. Proverbs She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Proverbs 31:12, 15, 27

**HOW SHOULD I HANDLE MY HUSBAND'S SILENT TREATMENT EITHER AFTER AN ARGUMENT OR WHEN OUR FINANCES ARE IN THE RED.**

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. 1Peter 3:7

**WHAT IS FORNICATION?**

It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 1Corinthians 5:1

... Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 1Corinthians 6:13, 18

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints. Ephesians 5:3

Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 1Corinthians 7:2

**WHAT IS ADULTERY?**

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. Matthew 19:9

...Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28

And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery. Mark 10:11-12

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. Romans 7:3

Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. Leviticus 18:20

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY SPOUSE REPEATEDLY COMMITS ADULTERY?**

And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. 1Corinthians 7:13-15

**WHAT IS DIVORCE?**

And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put *her* away. Mark 10:2-4

He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. Matthew 19:8

**HOW DOES GOD FEEL ABOUT DIVORCE?**

And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. Malachi 2:15-16

**SHOULD A CHRISTIAN DIVORCE HIS OR HER SPOUSE?**

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:6

**WHAT DO WE DO IF WE DO NOT LOVE EACH OTHER?**

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband. Ephesians 5:33

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15:12, 17

**I AM LIVING IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP. CAN I LEAVE MY SPOUSE?**

And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife. 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Romans 12:14

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:4

**WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT MY SEXUAL DESIRES IF MY SPOUSE NEVER RETURNS?**

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Galatians 5:19

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2:17

Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing James 1:3-4

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*. Matthew 19:12

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For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Matthew 24:24

**CAN I BE FORGIVEN FOR REMARRYING, OR WILL I GO TO HELL AS AN ADULTERER / ADULTERESS?**

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. 1 Corinthians 6:9

**I DIVORCED MY FIRST SPOUSE AND REMARRIED ANOTHER BEFORE I WAS SAVED.**

For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Mark 6:17-18

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. Romans 7:2-3

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A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 1 Timothy 3:2-3

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee. If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. Titus 1:5 –6

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 1 Timothy 3:12

...Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. Malachi 2:15

**WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?**

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. Romans 1:26-28

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion. Leviticus 18:20-22

Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I *am* the LORD your God. Leviticus 18:30

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