

Better Married Or Single? We Are Better Together!

#RelationshipGoals God's Way! Pt. 7

Matthew 19:1-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

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Matthew 19:1, *When Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; ²and large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there. ³Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"*

Three Contemporary Views Of Marriage:

- The **NON-CHRISTIAN** View Of Marriage
- The **LEGALIST** Christian View Of Marriage
- The **CHRISTIAN** View Of Marriage

1. The DEFINITION Of Marriage

Matthew 19:4, *And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, ⁵and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? ⁶So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."*

2. The DIVERSION Of Marriage

Matthew 19:7, *They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?" ⁸He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. ⁹And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

3. The DEDICATION Of Singleness

Matthew 19:10-12, *The disciples said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry." ¹¹But He said to them, "Not all men can accept this statement, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it."*

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Further Study: Luke 16:18, 1 Corinthians 7:39, Ephesians 5:33, Romans 7:2-3, Hebrews 13:4

For The Single

- Be satisfied with your singleness. Look in the mirror and say, "Christ is enough." (1 Corinthians 7:28-39)
- Avoid the temptation of lust and the trap of sexual immorality. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)
- Surround yourselves with a variety of friends, married and single, who will challenge you to live in a Christ-honoring way.

For The Divorced

- Confess whatever role you played in the divorce.
- Let go of self-condemnation. (Romans 8:1)
- Embrace the forgiveness. You have been forgiven! (1 John 1:9)

For The Married

- Ask yourself, "In what ways can I treat my spouse better than myself? How can I serve my spouse?" (Matthew 19:4-6)
- Pursue peace in your home. (Romans 12:18)

Hebrews 10:24, *and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*