

"GUIDANCE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES"

I Corinthians 7:8-16

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. The Bible, your handbook for troubling marital situations:

1. Instructions from cover to cover: *(See Gen. 2:18-25; Deut. 24:1-4; Hosea; Mal. 2:16; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; I Cor. 7; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7; Rev. 19)*
2. Old Testament examples: *(Adam and Eve, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Moses, Joshua, Samson, Ruth and Boaz, David and Abigail, David and Bethsheba, Ahab and Jezebel, Hosea and Gomer, etc.)*
3. Making marriage all about Christ, as His ambassador: *(Gen. 3:8; I Cor. 6:19-20; 10:31; II Cor. 5:20)* "We would see Jesus"

B. The troubling options for miserable marriages:

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II. DEALING BIBLICALLY WITH TROUBLED MARITAL SITUATIONS:

A. Miserable single believers: vv. 8-9

1. Added instructions not previously given in the Gospels:

2. Five reasons to remain single:

B. Miserable believers married to other believers: vv. 10-11

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C. Miserable believers married to unbelievers who want to stay: vv. 12-14

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D. Miserable believers married to unbelievers who want to leave: vv. 15-16

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III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice) *(Survey of Hosea)*

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"God whispers to us in the regular events of life; but he shouts to us through the pain of life." C.S. Lewis

C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.