

WHEN YOU'VE MARRIED THE WRONG PERSON

Love, Sex & Dating: Part 2

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TOP MARRIAGE MYTHS

1. All you need is LOVE.
2. God wants me to be HAPPY.
3. When you're meant for each other, IT JUST WORKS.
4. When it doesn't work the best thing to do is DIVORCE.

WHAT USUALLY GOES WRONG IN A MARRIAGE

1. UNRESOLVED pain.
2. UNMET expectations.
3. UNDERESTIMATED differences.
4. UNFORGIVEN mistakes.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU THINK IT'S THROUGH

ACCCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS.

"It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? ...Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor." (Matthew 7:3-5, The Message)

"Each person must be responsible for himself." (Galatians 6:5, NCV)

BELIEVE MY MARRIAGE CAN CHANGE.

"Jesus looked at them intently and said, 'Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.'" (Matthew 19:26, NLT)

Two Poisonous Practices

1) **COMPLAINING**.

"Do everything without complaining and arguing," (Philippians 2:14, NLT)

2) **COMPARING**.

"That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse..." (Galatians 5:26, The Message)

CLOSE THE BACK DOOR OF DIVORCE.

"And let us not get tired of doing what is right...we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." (Galatians 6:9, The Living Bible)

DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED HURTS.

• BY **ASKING** FORGIVENESS

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16, The Living Bible/NLT)

• BY **OFFERING** FORGIVENESS

"Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." (Colossians 3:13, The Living Bible)

ENLIST HELP.

"Get all the advice you can and be wise the rest of your life." (Proverbs 19:20, The Living Bible)

"It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong." (Proverbs 24:3, NCV)

FIGHT ON YOUR KNEES.

"God, who is at work within you, will give you the will and the power to achieve his purpose." (Philippians 2:13, Phillips)

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13, NLT)

ACTION STEPS

Solutions – 410-742-6234

Read one of the Resources

Resources:

5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman

Boundaries in Marriage by Herry Cloud

Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage by Lee & Leslie Strobel

How We Love: Discover Your Love Style, Enhance Your Marriage by Milan & Kay Yerkovich

Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs by Emerson Eggerichs

Sacred Marriage: What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy? by

Gary Thomas