



## “Breaking the Habits that Lead to Divorce” Pt. 2

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*“... submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”*

EPHESIANS 5:21 | NLT

### I. HABITS THAT LEAD TO DIVORCE

**1** Unrealistic expectations.

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**2** Unaccepted differences.

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**3** Unresolved issues.

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**4** Unforgiven mistakes.

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*“... God raises the dead to life and creates new things.”*

ROMANS 4:17b | CEV

## II. HOW TO BREAK THE HABITS THAT LEAD TO DIVORCE

### A ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY PART .

- **Key Attitude:** Humility .

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

JAMES 4:6 | NIV

*"Each person must be responsible for himself."*

GALATIANS 6:5 | NCV

### B BELIEVE GOD CAN CHANGE MY MARRIAGE .

- **Key Attitude:** Faith .

*"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."*

MATTHEW 19:26 | NLT

### C COMMIT TO DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES .

- **Key Attitude:** Perseverance .

*"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."*

GALATIANS 6:9 | LB

### D DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED HURTS .

- **Key Attitude:** Vulnerability .

*"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed."*

JAMES 5:16 | LB

*"Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."*

COLOSSIANS 3:13 | LB

**E****ENLIST****SUPPORT FROM OTHERS****• Key Attitude: Honesty**

*"It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong."*

PROVERBS 24:3 | NCV

*"Get all the advice and instruction you can..."*

PROVERBS 19:20 | NLT

**F****FOCUS****ON PUTTING CHRIST FIRST****• Key Attitude: Reorder Priorities**

*"We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith."*

HEBREWS 12:2 | GW

*"God, who is at work within you, will give you the will and the power to achieve His purpose."*

PHILIPPIANS 2:13 | PH

*"I'll give you a new heart and I'll put a new spirit in you."*

EZEKIEL 11:19 | MSG

GN = GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION, MSG = THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION,  
NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION,  
LB = LIVING BIBLE.

## Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** Read Ephesians 5:21 together. **What is the proper biblical motivation for submission in marriage? Why is it so hard to live out this verse?**
- 3** Go over the key attitudes on a scale from 1 -10 with 10 being the highest. **How well do you do in displaying each attitude?** Explain.
- 4** How can we be praying for you this week?