



"Breaking The Habits that Lead to Divorce"

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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**_____.

2 Unaccepted **Differences**_____.

3 Unresolved **Issues**_____.

4 Unforgiven **Mistakes**_____.

"... 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

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LB = LIVING BIBLE.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** What are practical ways you can start investing in your spouse or a relationship you are in?
- 3** On a scale from 1 -10 with 10 being the highest, how important is forgiveness and humility with a marriage/relationship and why?
- 4** How often do you intentionally pray for your spouse?
How can you do better at this?
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?