

THE BATTLE FOR RELATIONSHIP

What You Say Matters
Deuteronomy 24:1-4
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How you understand the marriage relationship will give rise to the expectations you have for marriage and all your relationships.

Principle #1 – We have the ability to choose and we know how to use it.

First picture – Young Woman
Second Picture – Man in Suit
Third Picture – Older Lady
Fourth picture – Motorcycle Dude

We make decisions all the time.
We are forming beliefs all the time.
We do it based on hard evidence.
We do it based on brilliant supposition.

WHEN YOU DECIDE TO MARRY

"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, ² and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, ³ and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, ⁴ then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 NAS

Who determined what was indecent? The man. The man made the accusation. His judgment determined if she was defiled.

YOU MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU DECISION

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Deuteronomy 24:4a NAS

WHAT YOU SAY MATTERS

Moses was writing a law for his culture. The law put safeguards in place so those with the power could not do excessive harm to others. The same is true today.

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. Matthew 19:3-8 NIV

Principle #1 We have the ability to choose.

Principle #2 Our choices have consequences.

What were some of those consequences?

When our hearts are hard we push people away.
When we have power we can use it and be wrong.
We can manipulate the law to serve us, and still be wrong.

Divorce is a reality, it does happen?
God gives a strong warning against it.

Our words, our thoughts carry an immense amount of weight.

One word, one look, one brush of the hand can devastate the heart.
The closer your relationship with someone, the deeper the cut can go.

What you say matters.