

Separation, Divorce and Remarriage

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Divorce can be one of the most devastating things in life. The breakdown of a marriage can have a crushing impact on the children, finances, emotions and mental stability. Many people get stuck in life after a divorce and are never able recover what was lost.

 1. **God takes marriage and divorce very seriously.** Will God bless people who have been divorced and remarried? God is a God of grace, but it depends on the people whether they receive it.
 - a. (Matt. 5:31-32; Mark 10:11-12)
 2. God hates divorce and separation, but it is permissible in some situations and may even be necessary in others.
 - a. (Mal. 2:11-16) God loves His holy institution and covenant of marriage and hates divorce.
 - Marriage is a covenant which is a spiritual contract that is meant to be until death.
 3. There are however, Biblical grounds for divorce.
 - #1 Adultery (Matt. 19:3-9)
 - a. adultery – fornication – sexual immorality; illicit sexual intercourse; egregious unrepented sexual behavior.
 - #2 Abandonment (1 Cor. 7:10-16 AMP)
 - a. Abandonment happens in various forms: abandonment, abuse and addiction.
 - A spouse simply leaves.
 - A spouse abandons the marriage through physically or mentally abuse.
 - A spouse abandons the marriage through addiction.
 - a. There's a difference between being sorry and true repentance. True repentance is followed by change at any cost.
 4. Typical ways of reacting after a divorce.
 - a. Withdrawal into self

- Be careful not to become so introverted and isolated from the help of others.
- b. Replace pain with people
 - This person becomes the “social butterfly” and may bounce from relationship to relationship.
- c. Looking for a security blanket
 - This person moves quickly into another relationship.
- d. Here’s what you should do:
Regain custody of yourself
 - This means finding a balance, setting priorities and dealing with emotions – not repressing them, but dealing with them.
 - Accept the situation
 - Get counsel before making decisions
(Word, prayer, trusted friends, pastor)
 - Take responsibility for restoring your life.