

BUILDING A BETTER HOME
Good Marriages Don't Happen by Chance

Malachi 2:11-16

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Likelihood of being married at least once by age

96% of Americans Will Get Married

DIVORCE IN AMERICA

Just About **50%** OF ALL MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE

FREQUENCY OF DIVORCE
6,646 DIVORCES PER DAY
46,523 DIVORCES PER WEEK

TOP 5 REASONS PEOPLE GET DIVORCED

1. Lack of communication
2. Financial
3. Sex
4. No longer attracted to one another
5. Infidelity

You're more likely to get divorced if you've been married before...

41% OF 1ST MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE
60% OF 2ND MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE
73% OF 3RD MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE

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Don't Marry an Unbeliever

Malachi 2:11
Judah has acted treacherously, and a detestable act has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the LORD's sanctuary, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

2 Corinthians 6:14
Do not be yoked together with those who do not believe.

**Conflict Is Inevitable
A Downward Spiral Is Probable
Separation Is Likely**

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What do I do?

1 Corinthians 7:16
Wife, for all you know, you might save your husband. Husband, for all you know, you might save your wife.

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What do I do?

Respect Them

Pray for Them

Loosen Your Grip

Live a Life Sold Out to Jesus

Repent to Them

Wait for an Opportunity

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Do Keep Your Vows




Malachi 2:12-15
¹² May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, whoever he may be, even if he presents an offering to the LORD of Armies. ¹³ This is another thing you do. You are covering the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning, because he no longer respects your offerings or receives them gladly from your hands.

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Do Keep Your Vows

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14 And you ask, "Why?" Because even though the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, you have acted treacherously against her. She was your marriage partner and your wife by covenant. 15 Didn't God make them one and give them a portion of spirit? What is the one seeking? Godly offspring. So watch yourselves carefully, so that no one acts treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 "If he hates and divorces his wife," says the LORD God of Israel, "he covers his garment with injustice," says the LORD of Armies. Therefore, watch yourselves carefully, and do not act treacherously.




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Mark 10:9

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

**I take you, for better or
 for worse,
 for richer or for poorer;
 in sickness and in health;
 to love and to cherish;**








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God Holds the Man Responsible

Joshua 24:15
As for me and my family, we will worship the LORD.




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HUSBAND, LOVE YOUR WIFE

A Sacrificing Love

Ephesians 5:25
*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and **gave himself for her**.*






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A Sacrificing Love
A Sanctifying Love

Ephesians 5:26-28
*26 to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless, 28 **in the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.***


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HUSBAND, LOVE YOUR WIFE 

A Sacrificing Love
A Sanctifying Love
A Serving Love

Ephesians 5:29
For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church.

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WIFE, HELP YOUR HUSBAND 

Genesis 2:18
Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him."

Ephesians 5:22
Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

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