

## Building A Righteous Family

### Lesson 3

#### Divorce And Its Consequences

## Purposes of Marriage and Family

1. God created men and women
2. God created marriage for men and women only
3. Divine purposes of marriage
4. God intends marriage to last until death

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## Introduction

- Divorce is common today as in ancient Rome
- Man's attitude is, "If it does not work out, we can just get a divorce."
- Divorce treated as being nothing
- God reveals His hatred of divorce and gives consequences that if ignored can cause us and others to be lost

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## Introduction

- All divorces involve sin either by one or both mates
- Beyond sinning against a spouse and children, divorce also results in either one or both spouses not having the God-given right to marry another
- Lesson is important to warn us before we violate God's will by entering or remaining in an unlawful marriage or unlawfully ending a lawful marriage

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1. God hates divorce
2. Who has the right to marry according to God's Word?
3. Who does not have the right to marry according to God's Word?
4. Some other consequences of unscriptural divorce

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## God Hates Divorce

Mal 2:16 "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

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## God Is A Witness of Marriage Covenants Being Violated

Mal 2:14 "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

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## Those never married may lawfully marry

Mat 19:3 *Some* Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

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## Those never married may lawfully marry

Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

Mat 19:6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

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## Those whose lawful mate has died may lawfully marry

1Co 7:39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

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## When two are lawfully married, marriage bond or covenant established in the mind of God

Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

Rom 7:3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

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## Those innocent lawful mates who divorced their lawful mate for fornication may lawfully marry

Mat 19:7 They \*said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?"

Mat 19:8 He \*said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

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If no remarriage occurs, husband and wife may lawfully remarry one another after unscriptural divorce

1Co 7:10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband

1Co 7:11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

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Those divorced by innocent lawful mate for fornication forbidden to marry another

Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

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Those who divorced lawful mate for other reason than fornication forbidden to marry another

Mar 10:11 And He \*said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

Mar 10:12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

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Those who divorced lawful mate for other reason than fornication forbidden to marry another

Luk 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

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Mat 5:31 "It was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE';

Mat 5:32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for *the* reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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1Co 7:12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

1Co 7:13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

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1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

1Co 7:15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

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Those divorced by lawful mate for other reason than fornication forbidden to marry another

- Bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 is different word than bound in 1 Cor. 7:39 and Rom. 7:2
- Word bondage in 1 Cor. 7:15 refers to enslavement and not marriage bond
- Not under bondage means never has been under enslavement
- Therefore bondage cannot refer to marriage in 1 Cor. 7:15
- Matthew 19:9 applies to all people

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Those in an unlawful marriage that must be ended forbidden to marry another

Mar 6:17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

Mar 6:18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

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## Sin Against Spouse and Children

Mat 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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## Who Does Not Have The Right To Marry According To God's Word?

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2. Those who divorced lawful mate for other reason than fornication
3. Those divorced by lawful mate for other reason than fornication
4. Those in an unlawful marriage that must be ended

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## Some Other Consequences Of Unscriptural Divorce

1. Sin against children
2. Betrays marriage covenant
3. Both spouses become unmarried
4. Christians sin when they divorce their spouse not for fornication

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