

How To Stay Married

Luke 16:18

Introduction:

Half of all marriages end in divorce (Actually lower today)
We focus on the wedding, romance, fun—never discuss marriage

What Does Bible Say About Divorce?

Matthew 19:9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

1 Cor. 7 Always put God first

v. 11 If she does depart let her remain unmarried

v. 15 not under bondage: not remarriage, but putting God first

Mal. 2:16. God hates divorce (treachery)

Leave when abused: loved by God, made in his image

The Only Person You Truly Have Power Over Is You

Story of Kevin

1 Peter 3:1-7 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, **they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.** Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel— rather *let it be* the **hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.** For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Keys:

A heart of forgiveness

Matthew 18: how often do I forgive? 70 times 7

Col. 3:13 Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Personal Relationship Skills

Who are you as a person? Are you a Christian?

kindness, manners, work ethic

Pro. 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on own understanding. Acknowledge him in everything you do and he will direct your paths.

Unselfishness

John 13 washing of feet

Mt. 5:39 If someone slaps you on right cheek, turn to him the other, force to go one mile, go two.

Eph. 6: husbands give yourself for wives, wives submit to husbands

Conflict Resolution Skills

How to fight

Understand issue, find a time to discuss, settle issue at hand

Real Love

Rom. 5:8, John 3:16,

1 Cor. 13:4-8 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not [b]uffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.