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Exposing the weakest link in a marriage and providing godly counsel regarding Christian divorce.

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One of the biggest messes our society has on hand is the divorce rate among first marriages. It is approaching a staggering 60%. That means six out of 10 marriages fail. If you had ten dollars and lost six of them, you'd be pretty upset. One or two might be acceptable, but six would be terrible. Take any given day and any given group of ten weddings and you can accurately predict that six of them will fail. These numbers among Christian marriages are about the same.

Nothing is an accident. Either God is moving or satan is. It is no accident that six marriages fail. It is satanic design. But why can satan get away with this so easily? It used to not be so bad. Why now? To me, the answer is quite simple. Men aren't loved and appreciated by their wives and wives don't serve and submit to their men. Anything other than this being reversed leads to failure. Today's men and women are among the most frustrated of all times. Couples have more money and more material possessions, yet they are raging with inner anger. The husband is desperate to be cared for and the woman is desperate to be served. It just can't get any worse.

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to provide, protect and fight for their family. A married woman will never be satisfied unless she submits to her husband's lordship and unless she stops thinking and acting out that she is supposed to be treated like a Queen. The term being "bratty" comes to mind. The man needs to be treated like the King so that he will want to treat the woman like the Queen.

Because of the woman's liberation movement (WL Movement) of this aging generation, women seem to feel as if they are men. Because of how this movement has taught women to reject men as useless, helpless beings, too stupid to know

how to treat a woman, men have largely rejected the marriage notion and satan has had free course to turn many of them into feminine role models. No matter how you look at it, the onus falls squarely on women's shoulders to change this horrific tragedy into the world's greatest success story, time after time after time.

I am so terribly sorry for the many wrecked marriages of today. As a minister, I have seen far too many examples of these. As biased as you may think this is, I have yet to find the man at fault in any divorce situation I've dealt with. Sure, men have their faults. They aren't women. But the greater problems have come from the woman's side of the fence. Ultimately, the man can never please her because she has too many demands and grows far too critical. So, the man gives up. And can you blame him? I can't.

A man will drive himself more than the strongest horse, trying to serve his wife, yet with constant dissatisfaction from her, he grows weary under this yoke. A dog will try to love his mean master, but eventually even ole Rover grows tired of it and gives up. Cats are quite as enduring. Men don't change. They always want to provide, protect and fight for their

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families. Unless a man is deranged or possessed, you can bank on this being his stereotype. He is a simple creature - design intent! The woman will look for angles to come at him, thinking that he's got to be far more complicated than this. But, she will always fail at finding a woman in him because God didn't make him that way. While he can share the same fears, frustrations and challenges, he isn't a woman. He's simple, straight forward and easy to please if treated properly.

If the woman has in her heart to beat him up day after day due to her frustrated and altered perceptions of male and female roles in life, he will take it, day after day until he breaks. When he breaks, the woman has lost him. He won't be able to stand any more.

Just because mommy is doing her part in the family, she doesn't deserve to be treated like a Queen. **She deserves to be treated like a Queen when she treats him like the King.** Oh, I know that this probably puts a fire to your canon, but this concept lines up directly with the husband being lord over the wife and the wife submitting in every way to the husband. If you are holding a flame after reading this, you too have been caught up in the WL Movement mentioned earlier. I am so sorry for you because you are telling yourself which statistic you are getting ready to become.

I have also seen what appear to be good marriages only to find out that their lives are a living hell. Each and every time I spend time with

such a couple, things look fine on the outside. The house is clean, there are TV's in every room and all the kids have cars and computers. The wife seems courteous enough and the man is busy providing, protecting and fighting for his family. All of a sudden, out of the blue (so it seems) they ask for counseling, or worse yet, they gave up and filed for divorce. Why? It all looked so good. I spend time with them only to find out that the man is trying his best to serve and treat the wife so that she is peaceful enough to live with, suggesting that she normally isn't manageable. I

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find out that she doesn't think she should change anything, that she is never in the wrong and that she treats him just fine. She doesn't find anything wrong with nagging him, criticizing his manliness and being unaffectionate to him. After all, that's his job, not hers.

If I can get the wife to listen, there lights a glimmer of hope. If she won't listen, there is no hope and they become a statistic. Funny, the man, even after a divorce tries to figure out where he blew it. He probably never did. The woman simply continues her rage and doesn't change, quite often doing it over and over and over again in future marriages.

We haven't even talked about the kids. What are they going through? To begin with, they are destroyed, abused and doomed for marriage failures of their own. Their role models were failures so why should their situation be any different? Usually it won't be. The statistics prove it. Today's statistics come from yesterday's failures (their parents). So the cycle is repeating itself all over again. Parents, you had the kids and you are required to care for them together. Never let it be said that you rejected your children's stability and upbringing over your selfish desires. That equates to rejecting God.

If the husband had been sharp enough, he would have avoided the marriage in the first place. He would have looked for a different breed of woman, one who didn't expect to be served, instead one who was willing to serve. Far be it from me to suggest something like that and I'm sorry if it upsets you. By the way, if it does upset you, they you definitely need to read it over and over again until you accept it. Men are taught that women are frail things, too delicate to really be able to do life on their own. This causes men to be Mr. NiceGuys, always working a nice side to please women. Folks, this is a recipe for disaster. Women pick up on this because they want to be treated nicely, and there's nothing wrong with that, but there is something wrong with a woman using this against a man and playing him for everything he's got to give. Nice guys with mean wives end up losing their house, their kids, their belongings and worst of all, their

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life. Men aren't supposed to offer niceness as the marriage bargaining tool. The wife will grow to hate it in the long-run. They are supposed to offer lordship and strength. This is how they are built. Any other offering will result in failure. Men aren't supposed to look for the super-model image and settle for that alone. They are supposed to look for a woman willing to serve and submit to his lordship. Again, far be it from me to suggest something as biblical as this. Are there any women like this left in the world today?

If the wife had been sharp enough, she would never have married a man without leadership abilities. She cannot change a man. A weak marriage is practically destined to remain weak. By the time both realize that something should be done to fix their bad situation, they are usually too beat down to be willing to change. The woman needed to realize that a man is not play dough. She will grow old and gray trying to remove the manliness out of him. You've heard the saying: "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy?" It just can't be done. A man's godly instincts are to protect, provide and fight for his family, even to the death, and that's just where the wife ends up taking him if she doesn't accept his nature and design. **Women are not frail things, unable to work, serve and submit.** The WL Movement teaches just the opposite, but they stand against God's Word. Women are strong. Try to tell one that she isn't. She'll brain you. Women are able to

work. Try to tell one that she can't have the same job a man has. She'll take you to court. Women are able to serve and submit and this is just where the problem enters. If the woman won't offer herself in service and submission to her man, she will doom the marriage. Don't try to pin it on the man. It won't stand up in God's court.

Women, how do you deal with your deep-rooted frustrations and angers? It's actually quite easy. Serve and submit. Stop nagging your man and stop expecting a woman out of him. You'll never get it. If you want a

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woman in your life to do woman things with, find one, but don't expect him to be one. Stop trying to be like a man. You'll never succeed as one because of godly design. Start taking things off of your plate so that you're not so busy. If you don't make time for service and submission, it will never happen. Don't schedule yourself out of your marriage, the very thing that will serve you well and make you feel satisfied and complete. Men want affection. If you don't give it to them, they'll dry up and blow away. Don't sit around waiting for them to give it to you. They already do but you have pulled out your fangs far too many times and they finally got your message. Men want

appreciation. If you don't give it to them, it takes the meaning out of their lives. Don't sit around waiting for them to give it to you. They already do in different ways than when you were dating. It's there. Just start looking and you will see it.

One of the hardest things for a woman to accept is: If you treat him like a King, he will create a new world for you and treat you like a Queen. That responsibility falls on you woman, wife and mother. Woman, it is up to you!

One of the hardest things for a husband to accept is: Will my wife ever change and start treating me like a man? In older marriages, this becomes especially difficult because she has so convinced him he is not a real man in her eyes. If you damaged him, repair him. Once a man is beaten up, the only thing that will save him out of this living hell is a woman filled with kindness and love towards him, willing to appreciate his provisions, admire his protections and encourage his ability to fight his entire life long for his family's survival. Woman, it is up to you!

Now, if you are not willing to change and alter this statistical, doomsday course, here's what God's Word says about divorce and the Christian marriage, whether mixed or not (when one is an unbeliever).

Divorce and the Christian Marriage:

1 Corinthians 7:10 And

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unto the married [Christians] I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the [Christian] wife depart from *her* husband:

1 Corinthians 7:11 But and if she [the Christian wife] depart, let her [the Christian wife] remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband [the Christian husband]: and let not the husband [the Christian husband] put away *his* wife [the Christian wife].

The Mixed Marriage – One Christian and one unbeliever:

1 Corinthians 7:12 But to the rest [the mixed marriages] speak I, not the Lord [This is still God's Word and it reflects Paul's honest and godly perspective and it is the best alternative in this kind of situation.]: If any brother [the Christian husband] hath a wife that believeth not, and she be **pleased** to dwell with him [the Christian husband], let him [the Christian husband] not put her away.

1 Corinthians 7:13 And the woman [the Christian wife] which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be **pleased** to dwell with her [the Christian wife], let her [the Christian wife] not leave him.

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the

unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife [the Christian wife], and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband [the Christian husband]: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother [the Christian in the mixed marriage] or a sister [the Christian in the mixed marriage] is not under

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bondage in such *cases* [You are not required to stay married]: but God hath called us to peace.

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If the unbelieving wife is pleased to dwell with the Christian husband, the husband is supposed to allow her to dwell with him. He married her, he once had a reason to love her, he wanted her to have his kids. He is to let her stay. If the roles are the opposite, this also holds true.

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The Christian wife is not supposed to leave the Christian husband. In light of what I just shared, the wife is required to make some changes. Drop the WL Movement evil and put on the Word of God. Change by serving and submitting. Your ego will deflate and you will get healed if you do so. If the roles are the opposite, this also holds true.

Christian wife, if you are too weak-minded to change, then leave him and never get married again, realizing that you ruined his life and

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the life of his children. You'll spend the rest of your life trying to forget only to realize that you can't. God won't either. This damage cannot be undone save at the return of Jesus Christ. Don't move into another disaster waiting to happen. You don't deserve it. If, at some time, you realize the error of your ways, this also leaves the door open to reconciling with your husband. If you decide to become part of the solution and change into a loving, serving and submissive woman, the husband has a decision to make. He can take you back. God wants him to do so. In some marriage disasters, I don't blame the man for refusing this, especially if the woman is unstable and has filled her time with illicit—sex, drugs or financial matters. She can't be trusted.

It is my opinion that the preceding discussion does not apply to mentally unstable men or women, unbelievers or people possessed by satan. These words work only for Christian marriages where at least one partner is a Christian and both have acceptable behavior patterns. There are plenty of abusive people in the world. If you are married to one, get out NOW. If you are abusive to another, get help NOW. No man or woman has the right to abuse another, NONE. Most Christian men are wonderful men, willing to go to the ends of the earth for their women. Today, most Christian women are willing to drive their men to the ends of the earth, expecting the world from them. Stop this and become a

woman willing to allow your man to take you to the ends of the earth if he feels you deserve it. Serve him and love him and submit to his lordship and he will.

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