

# Problems between husband and wife

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### INTRODUCTION:

#### **A. The lessons from this series:**

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#### **B. What we want to learn from this sermon**

1. In this sermon we want to talk about some of the causes of the problems in marriage and the Biblical principles to avoid or resolve them.
2. Let us not think that the themes that we have seen so far like, communication, different types of love, different roles for the husband and wife can also cause a problem only when they are not follow according to what has established by Go in His word, the Bible.

#### **C. Trusting in the word of God**

1. We do not pretend to know all the problems, for some marriages problems may vary according to their necessities or lack of spiritual maturity. We also do not pretend to know all of the solutions to all problems, but we need to trust in the word of God to guide us, to correct us and teach us with the sole purpose to be on a higher level of maturity (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

#### **D. The sources of some of the problems marriage couples can face:**

1. Finances, money problems
2. Religion
3. The in-laws
4. Flirting
5. Suspicious (jealously)

6. Laziness (idleness)

[Let us begin with the first major point in this lesson...]

**I. FINANCES, MONEY PROBLEMS**

**A. The warning (1 Timothy 6:9-10)**

1. Some husbands sacrifice their families, church, and their spiritual responsibilities and even God for the hope of one day become rich or to advance in their careers, to gain independence in the economic realm, etc.
2. Some wives will sacrifice their work as a wife and mother to pursue or a new car, a luxury house or an exotic vacation.

**B. We know that finance problems is a cause for divorce in marriages**

**C. But what are the problems that can cause?**

1. Forget God
  - a. **Deut. 8:10-17**
  - b. This could describe the very lives of some Christians who have prospered, they have forgotten God.
  - c. How?
    - 1) Instead of learning that riches are a blessing from God and that God has given us material gains so that we may use them in a way that will bring honor and glory to God. Riches if we let them can teach us about auto (self)-sufficiency and or independence (from God). Because we can let the influence of money dictate our attitude towards God and what we do. For instance because of wealth or trying to acquire it we may not want to study the Bible, prayer, we chose not to congregate no more with the church, we do not want to listen to sermons like this and turn off our mind to the word of God. Because of money and what it can offer we may completely forget about God and we may think we can guide independent from God.
    - 2) When our primarily goal is to seek wealth rather than the kingdom of God it leave us without any energy or time (**Mark 4:19**)
    - 3) It changes our goal our spiritual perspective with an earthly and temporal perspective.
2. Worry and tension
  - a. Consider (**Ecclesiastes 5:10-17**)
  - b. Tension as a consequence affects every aspect of marriage like companionship, authority, intellectual, affectionate and intimate love.
3. For the wives who work outside of their homes
  - a. There could be legitimate reasons for the woman to work outside her home, nevertheless it will always be a higher price there will be pay for the family will suffer in one way or the other.
  - b. Therefore it should be weighed the economic advantage against the disadvantage for the family like...
  - c. Loss of time with the family, energy and companionship with the husband and with the rest of the family, also let us remember the reason why God join the woman with man at the beginning in marriage (**Genesis 2:28**).
  - d. A change of character for the worst: more independent, insensible, changed values.
  - e. Confusion of roles in the family, the husband becomes the "helpmeet". The secular career on a woman will begin to determine with the decisions in regards where to live, entertainment, social activities, maternity suffers.

4. Separation in the intimacy (**1 Cor. 7:5**)

**D. The necessity:**

1. Go back to the first priorities
  - a. **Proverbs 15:17**
  - b. **Proverbs 17:1**

**II. RELIGION**

**A. Bad spiritual influence**

1. The illustrations in the Old Testament
  - a. The bad influence of someone outside the covenant of God.
    - 1) **Deut. 7:1-4**
    - 2) The example: Salomon and his concubines (**1 Kings 11:1-3**).
  - b. The bad influence of someone supposedly inside of the covenant of God (**Deut. 13:6-11**).
2. Today
  - a. Assisting the assemblies of the church, the husband/ wife if not Christian may get mad for the other person to attend services, even if they do they may limit their attendance. Do you have strength to attend by yourself if necessary? What about the kids? What is going to happen when this becomes an issue? What influence will have over the family?
  - b. Entertainment, the entertainment of the non-Christian may not be along the lines of the word of God. Will you come to an agreement about what is an appropriate for a Christian? As a Christian will you lower God's standard and your convictions in order to accompany your mate to a form of entertainment that is illicit? How will this type of entertainment influence the rest of your family?
  - c. What about the children? Worship God as a family? Study the Bible as a family? What about the training and discipline of the children? What kind of example will your non-Christian spouse will set before the children?
  - d. Friends, co-workers of the non-Christian spouse, do you want your non-Christian friends over your house? Do you want these to have friendship with your children?
3. Texts in the Bible to keep in mind:
  - a. **Ephesians 5:15**
  - b. **2 Cor. 2:11**

**B. A test of our loyalty to the Lord (Matt. 10:34-37)**

**III. THE IN-LAWS**

**A. Two extremes**

1. No relation or association with the in-laws or respect towards them.
2. Permitting the in-laws to dictate, mandate or even to govern

**B. The truth**

1. Yes, we must respect
  - a. The elderly (**1 Timothy 5:1-2**)
    - 1) **Leviticus 19:32**
  - b. Their wisdom
    - 1) **Proverbs 4:1-4**
    - 2) **Proverbs 6:20**
    - 3) **Proverbs 23:22-24**
  - c. The relationship (necessity)
    - 1) **1 Timothy 5:8**

- 2) **1 Timothy 5:16**
  - d. Please notice, however the in-laws may be they are still the parents of the person who you married. The treatment for them reveals something about the love you have for your spouse.
2. A psychological separation to unite in marriage
  - a. For the man (**Genesis 2:24**)
  - b. The woman (**Deut. 7:3**)
  - c. Therefore they belong to each other
  - d. The application:
    - 1) Husband /wife first most should consider the spouse. Even though in some cultures may not be the case.
    - 2) For the in-laws, stop dictating, mandating, controlling, clinging to the son and or daughter, be careful of too many presents, of offering too many advices without being solicited.
    - 3) Practicing the principle set by God in **Genesis 2:24**, it could produce good results and can certainly be a blessing (**Ruth 1:14-17**).

#### **IV. FLIRTING**

##### **A. Definition**

1. “**Flirting** is an expression of sexuality and a common form of social interaction whereby one person obliquely indicates a romantic or sexual interest towards another. It can consist of conversation, body language, or brief physical contact. It may be one-sided or reciprocated (encouraged)” – (Wikipedia, internet edition).
  - a. **Also notice the following:**“**Flirting** may involve speaking and acting in a way that suggests greater intimacy than is generally considered appropriate to the relationship (or to the amount of time the two people have known each other), without actually saying or doing anything that breaches any serious social norms. This may be accomplished by communicating a sense of playfulness or irony. Double entendres, with one meaning more formally appropriate and another more suggestive, may be used” – (Wikipedia, internet edition)

##### **B. Vows in marriage, vows of compromise**

1. The marriage vows
2. God is witness of this oath, covenant (**Malachi 2:14**)
3. Also consider (**2 Timothy 3:4**)

##### **C. Discretion**

1. **Titus 2:5**
2. Notice the word “touch” connotes sexual relations
  - a. Abimelech with Sarah, when Abraham lie that she was her sister (**Genesis 20:6**)
  - b. Now consider (**1 Cor. 7:1**)
  - c. We can see the relationship of the word “touch” and the result which it takes.
3. Flirting can be represented in the garments the person is wearing, speech and conduct.
  - a. **Proverbs 7:10** NAS77 – “And behold, a woman *comes* to meet him, Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart”
  - b. **Proverbs 7:15** NAS77 – “Therefore I have come out to meet you, to seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you”
4. A mutual trust is essential in marriage. The unwise, fool will only give a motive for jealousy to their spouse when he/she is not careful on speech, clothing, and conduct.

#### **V. BEING SUSPICIOUS (JEALOUSLY)**

##### **A. Suspicious**

1. It is not about the legitimate doubts the husband or wife may have because of the flirting attitude of the spouse (see the previous point)

2. This is about the obligation that each have of not imagining or supposing or interpreting wrong the facts.
- B. The obligation for both, just judgment!**
1. Please consider (**Exodus 23:1**), also see (**Exodus 23:7**)
  2. See also (**John 7:24**)
  3. Notice one of the qualities of love (**1 Cor. 13:7**). According to the Scriptures love believes all things, believes the best thing of the other person until there is conclusive evidence that may be against him or her.
- C. Discerning hearing (Proverbs 17:4)**
- D. For the husband who believes everything, or that is suspicious of his wife may have a greater problem. Nevertheless, through love and fidelity and with conduct this person can and will overcome such problem.**

## **VI. LAZINESS IN MARRIAGE**

- A. Laziness steals man from spiritual growth and maturity**
1. Consider the following proverbs:
    - a. **Proverbs 13:4**
    - b. **Proverbs 14:23**
    - c. **Proverbs 20:4**
  2. Please consider the following illustration, the sluggard may desire to have a better relation but does not want to take the effort to learn and apply the principles that will help him reach this goal. It is very simple, if we want to have a good marriage, we need to put time and effort to it. In other words we must work in our marriage!

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. We must learn and understand the nature of a marriage and its obligations just as the word of God teaches. Let us put all of our efforts to make it work.**
- B. Pray (1 Thess. 5:17), pray with regularity; pray over the problems we may have in our marriage relationships. Let us pray for our weaknesses. Let us also give thanks to God for our many blessings, for giving us our families and giving us a spouse!**
- C. We need to grow up!**
1. **Hebrews 5:12-14** NAS77 – “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. Vs **13** For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. Vs **14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”
  2. **1 Cor. 14:20** NAS77 – “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature”
  3. **1 Cor. 16:13** NAS77 – “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong”
  4. A child does not understand, a child can be selfish and he is willing to give up
  5. Let us sacrifice for the betterment of the other person.