

THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE LIFE

Confronted with the race of life where one wrong step can lead to unexpected end, one needs to be careful about life choices.

THE NEED TO MAKE A LIFE TIME DECISION -SEEK GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR PARTNER

Psalm 25:12 (KJV)

¹² *What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*

Psalm 25:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ *The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

Covenant contains secrets that the Lord alone can reveal to them that fear him.

Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJV)

²⁹ *The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)

³ *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

Psalm 32:8 (KJV)

⁸ *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye (Holy Spirit).*

David who is of the old covenant was guided by the eye of the Lord, but in these later days, the Lord had poured out his spirit unto all flesh for guidance.

The Holy Spirit is released as our guide

John 16:13-15 (KJV)

¹³ *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

¹⁴ *He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

BUT IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE THE CHOICE BEFORE MEETING YOUR HUSBAND THEN, DON'T THINK YOU WILL CONVERT THAT MAN OR WOMAN TO THE LORD.

Proverbs 6:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ *Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?*

²⁸ *Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?*

Two of the biggest problems in marriage life are:

- Relatives
- Money

RELATIVES

First commandment in the Bible before sin enter into the world

Don't let your parents interfere in your marriage but you care for them and provide for them.

Genesis 2:24 (KJV)

²⁴ *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

You are to consult your wife to make decision but not your parents.

Woman forget your own people and thy father's house

Psalm 45:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;*

MONEY

Live within your means – don't follow what others are doing that is not in your means.

Ecclesiastes 10:8 (KJV)

⁸ *He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.*

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

⁶ *So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

MAKE SURE THAT JESUS IS IN YOUR HOUSE

Mark 2:1 (KJV)

¹ *And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he (Jesus) was in the house.*

NO MORE WINE

John 2:3 (KJV)

³ *And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.*

Honesty in marriage – God blesses and help those who acknowledge their need.

Recognize and acknowledge your needs – You probably have no more joy and love in your marriage, then you need to go to Jesus and say you have no wine.

God is on your side against the devil

Romans 8:31 (KJV)

³¹ *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

BLAMING EACH OTHER

Genesis 3:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ *Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

¹² *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

¹³ *And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

This is how satan brought division between husbands and wives.
Today, there's no fear of God and Christian are divorcing all over without understanding and following the worldly way of doing things.

There is an order:

1. We should love Jesus more than we love our wives or husbands.
2. We should love our wives or husbands more than we love our children.

This is part of what leads to divorce.

DIVORCE – WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 (KJV)

¹ *When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that **she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.***

² *And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.*

³ *And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;*

⁴ *Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 7:1-3 (KJV)

¹ *Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*

² *For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.*

³ *So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*

Matthew 19:3-9 (KJV)

³ *The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, **Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?***

⁴ *And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,***

⁵ *And said, **For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?***

⁶ ***Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.***

⁷ *They say unto him, **Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?***

⁸ *He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.***

⁹ And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

Matthew 5:31-32 (KJV)

³¹ It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

³² But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Jeremiah 32:27 (KJV)

²⁷ Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?