

APPENDIX TWO - SCRIPTURES ON DIVORCE

1. GOD HATES DIVORCE .GOD HATES DIVORCE AND IT SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE

(Malachi 2:16 KJV) For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

2. ADULTERY IS THE ONLY REASON FOR DIVORCE - If you are currently married, the only reason for divorce is fornication. You are free to remarry in a situation like this.

(Matthew 5:31-32 KJV) 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.

(Matthew 19:9 KJV) 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.

3. SEPARATION - Separation from your marriage partner is possible when there is severe abuse.

(1 Corinthians 7:10-11 KJV) And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: {11} But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

4. UNSAVED PARTNERS - If your unsaved marriage partner leaves you and does not want to live with you anymore you are free to divorce them and marry someone else.

(1 Corinthians 7:15 KJV) But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

It would certainly be bondage and not freedom to tell someone that they could never get remarried because their marriage partner deserted them.

5. MARRYING A NON-CHRISTIAN - A Christian should never marry a non-Christian.

(2 Corinthians 6:14 KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

6. DO NOT SEEK DIVORCE FROM AN UNSAVED SPOUSE - When one partner in the marriage is unsaved, you should not divorce but make every effort possible to make it work.

(1 Corinthians 7:12-13 KJV) But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. {13} And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

(1 Peter 3:1-2 KJV) Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; {2} While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

APPLYING THE BALM

Divorce is not the unpardonable sin. However, it is not God's perfect will for our lives. God knows all the frustrating things that go with divorces and He has tried to spare us from those things. There are problems with finances, children, families on both sides and our relationship with God, etc. We often have more problem forgiving ourselves than anyone else involved. There are many times people marry out of the will of God for their lives. When that happens, we must strive to do the best we can do in those situations by following what the Word of God says to do, as in the Scriptures we have already shared with you. If we are

truly a child of God, we can seek forgiveness from God for our mistakes and forgive others involved in the circumstances.

(Matthew 6:14-15 KJV) {14} For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: {15} But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your **trespasses**.

(1 John 1:9-10 KJV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. {10} If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

(1 John 2:1-2 KJV) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: {2} And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.