

Christians Facing a Corrupting Culture

**Marriage in God's
Design**

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■ Philippians 2:14-16

- We must shine as lights!
- In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.
- Harmless (Unmixed)
- Without blemish (Undamaged)
- And hold fast!!

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- God's view of marriage, divorce and remarriage has **NOT** changed!
 - Romans 7:1-4
 - Matthew 5:31-32
 - Matthew 19:3-9
 - Mark 10:11-12
 - Luke 16:18

General Law Taught by Christ

**Divorced People
who Remarry**



COMMIT ADULTERY



**People who Marry
Divorced people**

**Mt. 5:32
Mt. 19:9
Mk. 10:11-12
Lk. 16:18**

Exception Taught by Christ

**People who put
away a spouse for
the cause of sexual
immorality and
remarry**



**DO NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY**

**Mt. 5:32
Mt. 19:9**

Husbands Following Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:25-29

■ Commitment Christ made to His bride

- He wanted to present her to Himself as a glorious church
- Holy and without blemish
- His thought was for her, not Himself
- **Philippians 2:5-8**

Husbands Following Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:29

■ **He nourishes and cherishes her**

- **Nourish** – provide for, feed, supply needs, promote health and strength
- **Bountiful and overflowing provision for His wife**

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Ephesians 5:29

■ **He nourishes and cherishes her**

– Cherish – to soften by heat

– **1 Thes. 2:7-8**

– He “warms” her, and is “warmed” by the thought of her

Husbands Following Love's Lead

1 Peter 3:7

- He dwells with her with understanding
- He gives her honor
 - As the weaker vessel
 - Respect because of worth, adore, prize because of value

**Godly Husbands
Can Overcome
Our Corrupting
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Wives Following Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:22-24,33

■ **Faithful wives voluntarily submit to their husbands**

– **1 Pet. 3:1-6**

– Gentle and quiet spirit –
precious in the sight of God

– **Phil. 2:5-8**

– Jesus Christ, perfect example

Wives Following Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:22-24,33

■ **Voluntary submission
includes obedience**

– **Titus 2:4-5**

– **That the Word of God be not
blasphemed**

– **Acts 5:29**

– **Matthew 18:15-17**

Wives Following Love's Lead

Ephesians 5:22-24,33

■ **A faithful wife serves her husband as his helper**

– **Matthew 20:27-28**

– **Proverbs 31:11-12**

■ **His heart safely trusts in her**

■ **She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life**

Faithfulness in Marriage

Genesis 2:18-25

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–Prov. 18:22; 19:14

–Prov. 21:9,19; 19:13

–Prov. 12:4

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– Sarah – 1 Pet. 3:5-6

– Jezebel – 1 Kings 21:23-25

– Priscilla – Acts 18:26;
Rom. 16:3-4

– Solomon's wives – 1 K.

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