Angie's Marriage Column

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Deviating from the Truth for Marriage

Do you have the commitment to stay married to your first and only spouse until either one of you dies a mortal death? The truth is, not many people are committed to staying married longer than a couple years anymore and that's the sad truth. "Ah well, I'm tired of this person, time to move on".

And we're talking about Christian marriage.

You're not going to like what I have to say but we've been noticing a pattern with many Christian people; it seems that there are more divorces among folks who profess to be Christians rather than the general populace. How can that be?

Well, it's simple really, something is askew with what church going people are led to believe and what they are being taught in the mainstream Christian churches of today. For one thing, how can spiritual teachers of marriage (pastors) be divorced and remarried to another and teach the Holy Word about divorce and remarriage?

Peter 2 -2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Heresy defined: deviation, dissent

Teaching that remarriage is ok by God for *this clause* or for *this reason* or for *this trespass* by your spouse, is total nonsense! In fact, it is <u>deviating from the truth</u>. There's lots of deviation going on in the Christian community today and so we have to be on our guard, truly on our guard about what we allow into our hearts and minds.

They come dressed in sheep's clothing but are ravenous wolves. Oh yeah? Yeah!

Matthew 7:15-20 King James Version (KJV) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

It is not okay to deviate from Gods WILL for our lives, because when we do we stop living for Christ and begin living for the world and pretty soon we're just like every other person who professes to be a Christian. Sometimes it's hard to stay away from the world; it seems like so much fun, after all there's remarriage in the world of men and that gives people an "out" when they get tired of the relationship or when they supposedly "fall out of love" with the person they married.

Many Christian folks don't know how to stay married because they don't have a commitment to marriage! And that means they are not doing the will of Him who designed and established the one flesh of marriage.

Come out of her my people! Jeremiah 51-45 KJV

The HOLY WORD instructions for marriage are not the instructions we see most Christians using in their marriage...funny thing is, these people go to church, they get baptized, they eat of the bread and water, and they say they love and believe in God, they tithe, they help the poor; so what's the problem, you may be thinking?

The problem is all of the above are things we do to show others what a good Christian person we are. Anyone can do those things but not everyone can be a Christ-One. What have you done for Jesus Christ in your marriage and life?

How do we begin to take marriage with the commitment that God designed and established for it? What can Christian couples do? The first thing we need to look

at is the foundational support wives and husbands are basing their Christian behavior on.

(NOTE) If there is no commitment within yourself then none of this will have any effect on your marriage. If that be the case, then seek out what it is you are putting first in your life and <u>let go of it</u> and start to work on restoring your one flesh marriage instead.

<u>It's all about priorities</u>. Usually when people reverse order their priorities, they will find that what should be first is at the bottom of their list, and what is last, should be first.

Only a committed person to marriage would compromise something they want for the sake of their spouse. Commitment is a great character trait to have and is a MUST for a truly successful marriage. We can learn to be committed to our marriage when we know and understand the commitment that Jesus Christ made for the sake of us.

Start with the articles below; do what it says, don't just read them but apply what it says into your lifestyle; pray about it, allow Jesus Christ to go to work in your marriage by continually working at putting Jesus first in your life; that means FIRST on your list. Reverse your list order today!

Going to church, getting baptized, tithing, etc, etc, is not what *being* and *living* the Christ-centered lifestyle is about. Doing all of these things is fine but don't allow them to be the focal point of your Christ-centered walk.

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