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5 Main Reasons for Divorce and What You Can Do about It! Feminism or Feministic Behavior(s)

Since 2002 Year of Our LORD, our ministry has been encouraging and guiding couples to Godly marriage restoration. In that time we have come across everything imaginable when it comes to problems and issues in marriage. We will be discussing over the course of several weeks the top five reasons couple's divorce.

- 1. Unfaithfulness physical and emotional
- 2. Alcoholism addiction to alcohol
- 3. Unbelief Lack of spiritual truth, knowledge, and wisdom
- 4. Feminism Confusion of marriage roles
- 5. Lack of Communication/Intimacy

Chances are you have gone through one of these issues in marriage yourself or know someone who has. Now let's talk about what couples can do about these issues that almost always cause divorce and or at the very least, unhappy marriages. And please peruse the Heaven Ministries website for more information. And send this newsletter along to anyone you think might need it.

Feminism and Christianity Cannot Exist Together

Feminism and true Christianity are two behaviors and lifestyles (beliefs and attitudes) that easily discredit one another. A woman is either one but not both, unless of course, you're lying to yourself or very much deceived. I believe the latter to be very possible BC I was once deceived many years ago, before I found my way with God, through Jesus Christ.

Some women simply do not know or think they are behaving feminist when they actually are, and that's because through the years from childhood to adult hood

society has created subtle ways in which girls are often treated better and given more control and influence through schemes and agendas than their counterparts. We'll talk more about this later on in this newsletter.

In marriage it almost seems normal for a woman to disrespect, belittle, and command her husband to do what she wants. But this behavior is far from normal. Some women actually believe that marriage was made for them, not for God. They expect things to be always good for them. And this again is a mindset brought over from youth and going to public school. It's ironic how women call men controllers of situations but it is actually the other way around, but most people don't see it. That's another newsletter for another time, however.

Feminist or just Feministic Behaviors, Which are You?

There are women who confess to be feminist and then there are women who only mimic the behaviors of feminism because they don't know any different, usually. Either way, actually calling ourselves a feminist or behaving as one positions a woman further away from God and her role as child/daughter of God.

<u>Clearly, if she is a feminist she cannot be a Christ-one.</u> In a nutshell they are like good and evil. Feminism is just a thought, an idea, a way to give women more rights and power in the world of vanity and deceit...it's nothing but humanism and puts our faith in humanistic establishments and ideas rather than with God.

God is everlasting, eternal, a real spiritual being that gives life to those who accept it. **God is all that is good, real and faithful!** He's our spiritual SAVIOR come to rescue us from the evil world...if we so choose.

That's just it, God gives us a choice.

Feministic behaviors started way back in the seventeenth century in the elite social circles of society, but it did not start to become active until the late 1800's when women pushed for more rights, such as to be allowed to vote. Now voting is a way to keep folks from God by idolizing a person rather than God. Christ-ones have no place in the political agendas of men, however mainstream Christianity is very much caught up in the traps of politics and all the evilness within it. Women

pushed for higher earning rights, and higher positions, and more of this and more of that, all the while these same women ignoring their role as wife, mother, and lady. None of these things matter one iota to God.

God wants to see woman behave as ladies and to treat others, specifically her husband with respect and reverence. Society has made it difficult for women to understand how to respect their husbands because like I said earlier, women grew up believing a certain way about themselves, that is not scriptural (Proverbs 31) but totally the opposite of God's way for a woman to behave and conduct herself.

From the 1960's on, more and more women are working outside of the home; it has become a power struggle for women to be "as good as a man" in everything. Her attitude thinks she needs to be better and more powerful than a man. She was brought up believing this idea ever since she was old enough to watch how her mother treated her dad. And now she is married and behaving the same way. She might even deny being a feminist, but she acts like one.

As this woman continues to work herself up the ladder to *supposed success* (another brainwashed misnomer planned in society to promote feminism) she has her children basically raised by someone else and some of them fight for the right to kill their unborn babies, (they want to sleep around and than kill the consequences of that behavior) and to fight in ugly, destructive, murderous wars just like a man, and where has all of this fighting and struggling and miserable attitude gotten her with God? NO WHERE!

She is a lost, confused soul and so are the men who love these women as they are just as feministic in attitude as the women are. Feminism and all of the trappings that come with it, position women (and men) further away from God and their real role and position with God. They put their faith, trust and hope in their rights and in their political agendas, and humanistic establishments, all the while leaving God behind as they continue to grasp for anything that will make them "feel" good about themselves. *It's ALL about vanity*.

Who do You HONOR, Jesus Christ or Feminism?

Feminism and Christianity cannot coexist together. You are either one or the other. A true Christ-woman would not treat her man with disrespect, she would not climb the ladder of success (greedy ambition), nor would she put her children last; a Christ honoring woman will submit her life to her husband and children, while a feminist-honoring woman will submit her life to her career.

A Christ-honoring woman would allow her husband to be the man in the marriage and she would not demand anything from him. A feminist-honoring woman would domineer the marriage, expecting things to be done her way.

The bottom line is feminism is a political statement and attitude that cannot exist in a true Christ-centered home! This attitude however does exist in many marriages that profess Christ as their director, yet, it is a deception they are telling each other and everyone else as they continue to be deceived by the churches. That's the reality of it. You can scoff and laugh but this is what it boils down to.

Most women are feminist, and or behave feminist in the U.S than any other area of the world, and look at the divorce rates. U.S has the highest rates of divorce <u>in</u> the world.

See the nations divorce rates here.

Note: I've lived in a Latin American culture (Ecuador) for four years and believe me the women here behave differently with their husbands/men. They treat them way better and they are not bossy and domineering like they are in the U.S. The women are faithful here too. This is a general statement talking about the Ecuadorian women in general.

In A NUTSHELL, couples do NOT know how to treat/love one another in the ways of the Lord, and if they do, they just don't "feel" like doing it. It's much easier to domineer the marriage and get your way!

Most women don't realize they are actually feminist because they don't make it a point to strive for all these "so called" rights that women have been "so called"

oppressed from over the years, they happen to just fall into them as the world evolves and moves further away from anything Godly and good.

It starts from childhood and going to public school where the female teachers always favor the girls over the boys, and of course, watching her own mother work at a career, climbing up the corporate ladder what is supposed to be to "financial success". Through the years, a little girl develops a mind-set that tells her she is to behave as, and strive for whatever a man does, and as the story goes, she becomes an adult and has developed a way of thinking that takes her away from God (but it's very subtle) and into the world to fight for the things that make her "feel" good about who she is as a woman... VANITY.

Have you noticed how since the beginning of 2000 almost all of the shows and many of the Hollywood movies make the woman be the boss, or the head cop, or in the military, or as the president of the U.S, or the boss over her husband in marriage. Have you noticed? In all the cops shows it shows the women protecting the men and she goes in first to blast the bad people with her machine gun. It is a laughing stock. And we're so used to seeing women behave as the man in shows and movies, that we become desensitized to it and think it is how it supposed to be; women protecting the men from harm, while he cowers in the corner.

Feminism Plays on a Woman's Vanity

Most men and woman have been slowly conditioned by and through society to think that they can behave in such a manner and still be a Christ-one. I used to be one!! If anything can take us away from God, our Creator it is playing on our vanity, which is exactly what feminism does to a woman. Women think they have some sort of a "right" to treat their husbands/men badly. And the fact is, they have been given the right.

Anytime a woman disrespects the manhood of her husband she is hurting her marriage badly and it will come back to bite her in the tail. It works both ways but we're talking about women here. Because it is the mainstream Christian culture that is feministic and or behaves this way and of course, those folks who profess

to be non-believers. And we'll never see a positive change in the world of things; at least not in this lifetime.

WHAT CAN YOU DO if You Think You Are Behaving Like a Feminist?

Here's the thing, no one in this world can make people do anything or behave a certain way, not even God's design. People have to WANT to change for themselves!

Godly Perspective vs. Worldly Perspective

The way that we have seen numerous couples change over from a worldly perspective to a Godly one is through experience of *seeing* and *knowing* that the worldly perspective does not really make them happy. Happiness doesn't grow on trees like some people think.

Typical Scenario: Perhaps they have been living the worldly perspective for years (thinking they were doing all the right things as a Christian) but their life was in a shambles. You see, in this world we will receive the consequences of our unfaithfulness to God. That's what broken up families is, it is the consequence of our own faithlessness; not relying on God for our sustenance but relying on humanistic endeavors and establishments for our happiness.

Not putting God first in our life, above all others, even our spouse is the worst thing a person can do to themselves in this life. Worshipping and revering people and politics, what they do through money and power how people destroy their lives.

Not putting our faith in God is revering the world and living by that perspective. However, perceptions are very deceiving, as some of you probably already know.

Jesus says often, what looks good is actually rotten and filthy inside. This is why we should be wise as serpents and yet innocent as doves; so we can discern what is REALLY good, okay, and appropriate for our Christ-centered life!!

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Matthew 23:25 KJV

And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Luke 11:39 KJV

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; <u>but</u> <u>God knoweth your hearts</u>: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15 KJV

DISCERNMENT IS THE KEY – Christians should be able to discern that feminism and the behaviors of feminism is not from God, but they have been so deceived that most Christians believe it to be normal for a woman to behave. SAD!

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Matthew 10:16 KJV

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The striving to be something (feminist) outside of Christ is selfish ambition and is not what Gods will is for our life as Christians. God made man and women equal in the sense that they are loved the same, however, God made man to be the head and the woman to be by his side as helpmmet, so they may work together in marriage and be happy. But the minute woman strives to be the head it causes chaos.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

We are all one in Christ, but the minute we go outside the God box, we become separated from Him as most people have done. When a whole society has become convinced that something is good and okay when it is not, it becomes harder and harder for most people to come out of her, as they think they already

are, out of her (world). <u>Jesus did not say the road was narrow just to say it, it's narrow!</u>

There is deception all around us and it is up to us to discern what (really) is good and proper as a child of God and what is not. We are free to choose who we are going to love, trust and serve. Let's hope we choose rightly!!

Resources:

How a Wife Can Help Her Husband Take the Headship Position

How Should a Christian Husband Love His Wife

What Are the Christian Roles of Husband and Wife?

What Does It Mean to Be a Helpmeet Wife?

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