

Angie's Marriage Column – June 2009

Not Bound if Married to a Constant Cheater; Let the Unbeliever Go!

Upon reading your article and comments left by other readers what I am getting is that under no circumstance divorce is not an option. Maybe I am wrong. I consider myself a Christian and I have much faith, but, I myself have been married for 3 years and have been with my husband for an overall 6yrs. Within all that time my husband has cheated on me with 8 different women and 2 of them claim he is allegedly their children's father. I am really trying to do the right thing as a Christian in honoring my marriage but seriously, I humbly do want to know, are you stating that it will be displeasing to God if I move towards divorce? We do not have any children and I am just done being a doormat just because he knows I will still forgive him. I do not want to end up with AIDS.

This marriage guidance is for anyone who is having trouble with this issue in their marriage. If the unbeliever continues to sin within the marriage it is far better for you if the sinner wants to leave the marriage to let them leave. God would much rather save one (you) than have you succumb to your husband's sinfulness and undermine your own faith. And by accepting his sin you would be giving into it.

But the bible is clear on divorce and remarriage. We can't just make up our own rules if we profess to be followers of Christ.

And if a woman has a husband who is NOT a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. (1 Corinthians 7:13)

But if the believer leaves, let him do so. A BELIEVING MAN OR WOMAN IS NOT BOUND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. (1 Corinthians 7:15)

The bible does not say have a happy divorce or have a good next marriage with someone else. In fact it says nothing of the sort. **We are not BOUND to live with unbelievers.** God loves us and wants us to follow Him not the sinner. But the clause "not being bound" does not mean we can go remarry

either. It is better I think for the believer to stay unmarried and put their time and effort into the Lord's work. But that is my opinion.

If your husband is wanting out of the marriage, which obviously he does since he can't stay faithful, then let him go. This particular article is for those men and woman who have made a mistake, realize that mistake, repent and come back to the Lord. Believers are obligated to forgive the sinner if the sinner has stopped in the sin and have turned their life around.

In your circumstance, you still should forgive as much as your heart will allow it to, but you are not bound to LIVE with a repeated sinner.

How do you forgive? By realizing your husband is sick. He has many issues and problems within him that prevents the man from staying faithful—he is very sick spiritually. Why stay bitter within your own heart. You need to forgive for your own spiritual and mental wellbeing. Forgive the sinner and let him go.

Think about this for a moment as well: Just because you go through the whole process of divorce with the courts it does not mean you are divorced in the eyes of our LORD. God established marriage, designed marriage, and controls the marriage contract. Most folks don't want to hear this...they want to be told it is okay to remarry but remarriage is adultery.

If the unbeliever wants out, let them go you are not bound to him or her, but remarriage is not part of the equation.

For more about divorce and remarriage according to Jesus Christ read the *Permanency of Marriage*. Free Download here:

http://www.heavenministries.com/permanency_of_marriage1.htm

Take care and God Bless!

In Christ,

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