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when to divorce? need advice. - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/5 22:17

I have been on here for a while, I set up a new login so I could ask a question, I wanted to remain private.

I have been married for five years. we have two wonderful children. I am in a spiritual awakening in my soul. I long for truth and the things of the Lord, I do not want the desires of the world anymore, the worldly things have becoming less to daily. My wife was a catholic, she left it a long time before we meet. She wasn't a Christian, but was searching for something else, something more. We meet during a rough time in my life I was not following the Lord, I was pretty upset with things and meet her in a worldly establishment. we eventually got married, while she was still searching. three months after we got married she came to saving faith...i think differently now! It has been a few years and she has not shown any regeneration, there is not much desire to pursue the Lord. I feel so unyoked and alone, because I have been going through a awakening in my life for the past year or so, I abhor the past sins of my life, I hate how I was rebellious to the Lord. I so much want to know HIM more and Love HIM deeply I want a revival in my hear. Television and Hollywood has become detestable to me, I know longer want to watch certain movies and I feel I see right through the agenda of Hollywood. I feel like I made a mistake and I shouldn't have married her, I want someone who will understand me, and not think I am just be confrontational in my faith and expecting to much from my faith. We gave her sister some gospel tracts today to help answer more questions she had, we gave her a study bible, she wanted to give her some more books; Christian Living style books. One book she has read was the PDL book, by Rick Warren. Someone gave that to her to read and wanted to pass it on to her sister. I was strongly against it, for two reasons: That book, which I have never read, is typical emergent church theology. Two: Since when does Gods Holy word ever become not enough!! How many have not been brought down to their face by HIS word!

So with much frustration, I do not know what to do? stay or go? Does this justify leaving? I think of Nehemiah, when ask the people to leave there foreign wives. Of course it is not up to me to determine her salvation, I know God is the only one to do that.

Thanks for listening

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2007/8/5 22:59

Quote:

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Friend, I have to be completely honest with you. You don't have any justification for leaving. I would ask of you to read 1 Cor 7.

....how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

God Bless you. These are hard times.

1Co 7:27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed.

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/8/5 23:03

Brother, did you make a vow before God and man to love and honor this woman through every up and down til you die?

If you are a child of God then surely you know that God has ordained that this woman would be your wife and He knew exactly what weaknesses she would have that will be used to conform your character to that of Christ's. You are called dear brother to lay your life down for this woman and your children, read Ephesians 5:25 and cry out to God with all your heart to make that verse a reality in your life.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by murdog (), on: 2007/8/5 23:04

anonymous2,

No, this does not justify leaving. God hates divorce. Jesus only gives one reason for divorce and that is for marital unfaithfulness(fornication). You must persevere in your marriage.

Murray

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2007/8/5 23:05

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I'm sorry if the last post came off too blunt. I'm not very eloquent in my speech at certain times. Be sure that I am praying for you.

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/5 23:21

Agreed ...

You have nothing brother. If you are having a spiritual awakening I pray that it does indeed truly wake you up.

Quote:

-----I feel like I made a mistake and I shouldn't have married her, I want someone who will understand me

I have been married now for 9 years and presently my own wife is for the better part backslidden and has been for some time, a number of years now. You have no idea the difficulties yet I love her still, with all my heart. What you need to die to is your selfishness.

Quote:

-----I abhorre the past sins of my life, I hate how I was rebellious to the Lord.

You are entertaining sin and rebellious thoughts even now. I have no sympathy for you whatsoever, grief yes ... Pray you repent of even harboring the thought where you have no grounds.

Read through this and note all the scriptures;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id16858&forum36&start40&viewmodeflat&order0) The husband of one wife

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by poet (), on: 2007/8/6 0:05

as a brother in Christ, I will try to speak the truth in love to you, but I may seem severe, but remember God does only what is the best for you and your wife and children.

Like you, I had something miraculous happen to me and you too are on a journey to being perfected in Christ.

First, the devil hates you and your covenant with your wife. and he will try as much as possible to convince to break your covenant to appease a false interpretation, of scripture, or doctrine. Remember you have only been on your path a short

time and alot of things will be comming at you trying to deceive you.

Under no circumstances are we to divorce our spouses after we have consumated our marriage covenant.

Paul says we are to stay with our spouses, if they arent believers, because we sanctify them..

By being a christian. "truly a crusified, Holy, Godly,Loving , putting our spouse first, mate"

we can lead them to christ by our life.

Another scripture talks about why one. wife.

because we will have godly children.

the dammage to children from divorce is beyond our imagenation.

Your quote about foreign wives had to do with israel breaking her covenant with God and marrying foreing wives, who would defile gods covenant people with their teachings, and they were in the habbit of divorcing their wives to get these foreign ones... they also had children and were to seperate from them but were commanded to still take care of them. but those men were forever defiled.

I could write alot about this but you just want advice, so here it is.

If you truly love Jesus Christ, you will stay with your wife, no matter what, even if she becomes an adulterous one.. read Hosea.

Never Never Never search scriptures to try and find a loophole to get out of a covenant relationship.

God's perfect will is for you to endure,

your reward will be beyond your wildest dreams.

God is seeing if you will take the easy way out or endure for the sake of the kingdom of God.

And if you endure he will Anoint you for things for his service.

Pray and he will change your wife, and your kids will become men or women of god. DON'T Quit!!!!

DON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE WHO WILL GIVE YOU A SCRIPTURE TO LET YOU OUT OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP. TO BE BLUNT IT IS FROM THE EVIL ONE!

Not the scripture, but the wrong context of it.

Most people dont understand the Matthew 19 proper context and I wont go into it now.

God bless and keep winning. God is on your side.

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/8/6 2:55

Others have already posted sound wisdom and I encourage you to read it all. I only add this:

Quote:

-----I want someone who will understand me.

Christ understands you, and what you need is to pray until Christ is birthed in reality within your present wife. When Christ has been birthed in her, the same Christ who understands you will be in your wife to console you in times of difficulty.

But if you have not prayed to bloodshed, then you have not prayed with all the heart of Christ available through the Spirit. By faith you must win her with incessant, tireless, compassionate prayer. Love her as you love yourself, for that is the whole of the commandment of your God.

Praying for you dear brother,

Re:, on: 2007/8/6 8:36

I dont have much more to add to what others have already said. You're in it for the long haul, bro.

Scripture tells us that if an unsaved spouse is willing to stay, then there is no justifiable reason for divorce.

I would suggest you get on your knees.

If you leave... you do so at your own spiritual detriment. It will be you who is in the wrong, and your actions may cause her to never consider walking with the Lord because of your example.

Instead, you need to stay and love her unconditionally... as Christ loves you.

Krispy

Re: - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 9:25

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I have prayed that verse and asked the Lord to give me true love for her. I am just exhausted in praying for this, I know at times I am not the best example. But I get ups and downs of frustration, its mostly selfishness. I just feel that God is not going to bless it, because of my disobedience. I thank you for the encouragement and reproof.

Re: - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 9:27

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I'm sorry if the last post came off too blunt. I'm not very eloquent in my speech at certain times. Be sure that I am praying for you.

Brother you were not blunt at all, and if you need to please do so. I can be a guy who is pretty forth right, some people don't now how to take it. I guess its my michigan roots.

AN open rebuke is better than hidden love.

Re: when to divorce? need advice. - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/8/6 9:28

Quote:

-----I feel so unyoked and alone, because I have been going through a awakening in my life for the past year or so, I abhor the past sins of my life, I hate how I was rebellious to the Lord.

dear brother,i can understand how hard a situation like yours must be. that being said, you are yoked with your wife. brother, you are one. when paul wrote the corinthians, he was telling them to not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. he did not want them to participate in the godless acts that the unbelievers were doing. but he commanded them to separate from them. this does not apply in your case my friend. you have vowed before God and man to be faithful to the wife of your youth.

Quote:

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brother do you want to know Him and love Him or please the flesh?? the Lord's way is the way of the cross and if we de

sire to be His children, we must walk as He walked (1 john 2:6). brother, please do not take the easy sinful way of saying "well we just want 2 different ways so i'm leaving". that is sin brother. if you really want to know Him and love Him, then pray, pray, pray and then when you are done pray some more. continue to love her like Christ loves us and give your life for her. make it your mission to love her and serve her for the rest of your life. settle it now. never let the stupid devil entertain your thoughts with divorce. divorce is not an option brother. only love and service is my friend.

i hope that you will heed the godly advice that is being given to you. we love you too much than to let you walk in sin in this situation.

"nevertheless, not as i will, but yours be done" let that be your prayer brother. believe in Him, He woke you up friend. He can do the same for your wife.

Re: - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 9:37

brother poet: thank you so much for your kind and passionate response. it is a long and exhausting journey. Honestly I haven't prayed a lot this past two weeks. My wife and I for the first time ever have been praying together on our knees and holding hands. I have never done that with her, she still feels insecure about praying so it is just me for now. We had a new baby about 6 weeks ago and that has been another adjustment, he gets up all the time and my prayer time is usually in the night time, I have a 4ys old as well, who has been demanding. I just have been overwhelmed and depressed. I used to pray for her, but I have stopped I just felt like my petitions were not changing her. God has been doing something in me, I haven't understood until getting on SI. Tozer wrote an article about the loneliness of a christian and that pretty much sums me up.

But I will press on. Thank you for your prayers

Re: - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 9:42

Quote:

-----You are entertaining sin and rebellious thoughts even now. I have no sympathy for you whatsoever, grief yes ... Pray you repent of even harboring the thought where you have no grounds.

It's not that I am sinking into my past sins, i have been praying to know the Lord Jesus more and why He truly died. There has been a reflection of past sins of repentance, grief, but not condemnation.

Appreciate your candor and forthrightness.

Amen

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/6 9:53

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Dear brother, I must admit I am somewhat confused by all this ... Matching the statements together, yet it does appear by your words of frustration and fatigue, being overwhelmed. My friend what I wouldn't give for this outtake above. Oh brother your prayers are being answered! Can you not see this?

What brought forth the alarm originally was the entertaining of the notion by asking the question and let it forever be removed from your thinking. You are being tried and tested to your mettle and character. Trust I know the same frustrations and then some, far too much to go into specific detail. If anything brother, anything at all ... do not push it or rush it, allow the Lord to do His will in His time and let your character do the speaking. Silence and understanding, patience ... these go a very long way. I have failed countless times taking matters into my own hands and they produced more woe and more difficulties than I could ever tell.

Cherish these opportunities brother, think how much differently it could be if she had no desire to pray at all.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/6 10:00

Brother, don't give up! Press on!

Are you soaking in the Word?

Listen to this:

James 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

and this:

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

If you read the word of God and obey it you will never go wrong.

It has every answer to every question that is important - believe it. There is nothing you can go through which the Bible doesn't have something to say about - believe it. It is the perfect word of God, able to free from sin, defeat the devil, and overcome Hell itself. Believe it. Don't doubt it.

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Nile

Re: - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 10:40

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yes I do see, being a man and I can hinder some works for God in her life, I too can be silent and also can be to opinionated with her. I expect alot out of myself and others and that reflects on my wife. Not saying it is right, quite contrary it is very much wrong. Plainly I wish she would pursue the things of the Lord, more aggressively. But your words do strike a cord and penetrating thought!!! thank you.

God bless

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/8/6 10:58

dear anonymous2,

brother, be patient and loving. the Lord does a work in our lives and then all of a sudden we want everyone to be like how we are. but it is all in His timing brother. He is in control. He knows what He is up to. i was just telling some teens yesterday that the Lord's way is trials. "brethren count it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds, knowing that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. and perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature (perfect) and complete, not lacking anything" (james 1:2-4). His work is to conform you and He will use whatever trials and means to accomplish His goal. trust and know that He is working in and through you. yield to Him my friend, and He will continue to use you to bring the fire back in her. but if you try to do it yourself, you will cause more hurt than help.

God bless you brother.

Re: - posted by strawrifle (), on: 2007/8/6 11:43

I can't help but feel your feelings must be having a negative bearing on the marriage..If she's reading how you're feeling, basically she's reading "I'm coming up short" how would you feel under that scrutiny?

True Rick Warren book is not great, but if your wife loved it and felt God led her, at least she's being faithful to what she thinks God was asking, isn't that a step in the right direction?

I hope I don't seem harsh, but I left my wife 10 years ago for the wrong reasons, and trust me spiritually my ex-wife HATED Christian, she'd would of banned me lending anything to her family :-), my friend also left his wife and we recently agreed that we reaped something for not following God's command.. andy

Re: - posted by JelloTaster (), on: 2007/8/6 12:32

Brother, there is a lesson the Lord has been teaching me lately that I think would be helpful here.

I've learned to be thankful when going through something difficult. It seems so elementary in light of all the scriptures about sufferings and trials, but I'm learning it in the school of experience at this time. I'm learning that in a hard situation, I am to be thankful (1 Thes. 5:18). Why am I to be thankful? Because God is using this difficult situation to transform me into the image of His Son. I also know that I often need to be reminded of this by the brethren and by the Holy Spirit.

Rejoice brother! The Lord is working in you! Chris

Re: when to divorce? need advice., on: 2007/8/6 13:10

I have been married for 20 years. Two previous marriages. Do you know what the odds are on the second marriage, let alone the third, My wife and I, as recent 10 years ago were so far apart of what "thus saith the Lord", and we had many heated debates about HIS WORD that ended in bitterness that was put in both our hearts. In HIS WORD is the answer to all questions, if we die to self, we can see. It is a painful process, but if two people go against God's instruction and become married, prior to settling it their heart to settle matters within HIS WORD beforehand, the only way that you can work this out is for both of you to realize, it is not about what you think, what your parents think, what the world thinks, but go to God's Word says, and after you arrive at that, through prayer, Bible discussion, you will ever arrive at what matters, it is not about what either one of you thinks, but what HIS WORD says about marriage and life. There were some things I had wrong, and some things my wife had wrong, and at times we still make adjustments. The closer we get to HIS WILL, the closer we get to each other in any relationship, not only marriage. It was a painful process that takes years in marriage, but we both now, what it comes down to is, what thus saith the Lord". Until both the husband and the wife arrives at that, you cannot settle any matter. That's why a nation can't settle matters. I will be praying for your marriage and that God will put both of you on the same page and that being HIS PAGE.

Re: thank you - posted by anonymous2, on: 2007/8/6 17:28

I just wanted to say thank you for all the wonderful advice, it will be greatly considered and prayed over. I don't plan on divorcing, you know how you can get down and feel defeated, that's why I wanted to post this to get feedback and help me focus. It has been hard around here trying to get private time with the Lord. We had many distractions this past few weeks. Thank you so much and I will continue to remain faithful and standfast. I will download this thread so I can have it to reflect. Thanks again.

blessings to you all, :-)