

Sunday Morning | April 2, 2017



TWO HEART MARRIAGES

1 CORINTHIANS 7:12-16, 39

I. THE BIBLE AND MARRIAGE

Guidelines:

1. Marriage is the foundation of society by God's design (Genesis 2:21-24 Msg).

TRUTH: Marriage is imperative for any society to survive.

TRUTH: Marriage must be unbreakable because everything in society rests on its permanence.

2. Marriage is a picture of Jesus and the Church.

TRUTH: Christianity stands apart from world religions because it is not a religion but a relationship.

3. Marriage should be honored by all.

II. GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A MATE

1. God guides primarily by His moral will.

TRUTH: 99% of all life questions are answered by His moral will.

TRUTH: One moral will of God covered every day of their lives in the Garden.

2. The right person to marry for a child of God is always found under one moral law of God (1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15).

TRUTH: The most intimate connection between a man and woman isn't physical, emotional or intellectual, but spiritual.

REALITY: If you want to know who God wants you to marry, it is someone who knows Jesus like you do.

REALITY LESSONS:

- a) Look for spiritual compatibility.

- b) No biblical evidence there's one and only one for us

TRUTH: Dating even among Christians is crazy worldly; that's why the divorce rate is so high among Christians.

- c) It's more important who you are than who you find.

III. SPIRITUAL DECEPTION AND A SEALED DEAL

TRUTH: It is hugely important to "go slow" and have no doubts about the heart of a potential mate.

TRUTH: After the altar, you'll see you never were marrying Mr. Perfect.

TRUTH: God's will is for you to vet carefully any person you date with your head, not your heart.

TRUTH: You don't date anyone you can't marry.

IV. BUT IT'S DONE, NOW WHAT?

1. Don't shove the faith down their throat (1 Peter 3:15).
2. Don't nitpick their words and actions (1 Peter 3:2).
3. Sir, understand what's going on inside her.