

REASONS WHY DIVORCE IS NOT THE RIGHT OPTION

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1. Our goal as Christians is to *please God* (2 Cor 5:9), but God states very clearly in His Word that He *hates divorce* (Mal 2:16).
2. For Christians to opt for divorce is to explicitly disobey God's will (1 Cor 7:10).
3. Sometimes people think they will be happier by choosing to divorce, but they forget that disobedience to God will invite His discipline upon their lives (Heb 12:5-7,11; Ps 38:1-2).
Cf. Num 32:23 – "be sure your sin will find you out"
4. Once Christians do divorce, remarriage is not a legitimate option (1 Cor 7:11).
Note: to divorce and then remarry is to effectively commit adultery (Lk 16:18).
5. Case studies have conclusively shown that divorce is *always* devastating to children. It will leave emotional scars on them that may never be remedied. Furthermore, children need both a mother and a father to be "healthy" and balanced in their own development. [Parents: you will be loving your children by keeping your marriage!].
6. Divorce can also have a long-term effect on your children in regard to their own future marriage. They may be more prone themselves to divorce their spouse (because this was the model they received from their parents).
7. Christians who divorce bring *shame* upon the name of Christ and destroy their testimony before the unsaved world.
8. A life-long relationship with your spouse will bring blessings and joy beyond description (for those who walk with the Lord). Divorce, however, will cut this short. Also, God will reward you in the kingdom for your faithfulness here on earth (so don't jeopardize His future rewards).

Final Reminder: God has promised to be faithful to you. "I will never leave you nor will I ever forsake you." Our marriage is to be a pattern of the relationship that each one of us has individually with the Lord, i.e., a permanent commitment of faithfulness. A life-long marriage reflects this wonderful spiritual truth.