

**Review (50); *It's a Wonderful Life*: Believer's Mission in a Mixed Marriage, 1 Cor 7:16; Checklist for Personal Analysis: Advantages of Virginity**

(67) Further, the objective of the believing spouse at this point becomes evangelism as is stated in the next verse:

**1 Corinthians 7:16 -** For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

(68) This verse qualifies the reason to remain in a mixed marriage. By utilization of the four spiritual mechanics, execution of the three laws of the Christian marriage, and loyalty to the love mandates imposed on the husband or wife in the corporate relationship, i.e., aggressive love by the husband and responding love by the wife, the unbelieving spouse could be led to salvation.

NOTE: Consult the following visuals:

1. FourSpiritualMechanics.jpg
2. 3LawsChrMg.ppt
3. LoveInMarriage.jpg

(69) Therefore, if a believer finds himself in a mixed marriage, he or she is required to remain in status quo for so long as the unbelieving spouse does not leave or seek a divorce.

(70) If the unbelieving spouse leaves or seeks a divorce the believing spouse may agree. The latter becomes the innocent party and may divorce and remarry. The unbelieving spouse becomes the guilty party and may not remarry.

(71) Nevertheless, the believing spouse's top priority is to execute the Christian way of life by seeking reconciliation where necessary and submission to the love mandates. In this way the unbelieving spouse may be evangelized by the believing spouse's behavior and thus create a Christian marriage.

(72) When this occurs the marriage has survived through grace and now has the opportunity to become a corporate witness for the prosecution in the Appeal Trial of Satan.

### **Checklist for Personal Analysis**

1- If you are single, never married, have no involvement in premarital sex, and a believer who is consistently growing in grace then maintain your status quo. Your duty is to *become* the right person through doctrine so that God can introduce you to your right person at His perfect time.

**1 Corinthians 6:18 -** Flee fornication. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body but the one who practices immorality sins against his own body.

**Ephesians 5:3 -** Do not let fornication, moral uncleanness, or insatiable lust be named among you as is proper for believers.

**Colossians 3:5 -** Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to fornication, moral uncleanness, sexual passion, evil desires, and insatiable lust, which is idolatry [ **the phallic cult** ].

**1 Thessalonians 4:3** - This is the will of God, your experiential sanctification; that is that you abstain from fornication.

- 2- If you are a married couple and neither of you engaged in premarital sex, have not been involved in any previous marriage and are growing in grace then you have your right person. Execute the three laws of the Christian marriage.

**Ephesians 5:25** - Husbands, aggressively love your wives with enduring devotion, just as Christ also aggressively loved the church and gave Himself up as a substitute for her.

**Ephesians 5:32** - This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**v 33** - Nevertheless let each husband aggressively love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband in response to his aggressive love for her.

- 3- Points one and two take care of believers who have had no encounter with sins that would cause a marriage relationship to be in any way damaged or contain situations that could lead to the tragedy of “torn flesh” or divorce.
- 4- You heard me right! Sexual sins and the mental attitudes that go with them such as bitterness are what cause divorce. Those who avoid sexual sins before and after marriage do not have to deal with these things.
- 5- Further, if while single a man and woman remain in virgin status they will not carry any memory of past sexual sins into the marriage. Such things can become the root of bitterness.
- 6- If when married they continue their spiritual growth, execute the three laws of the Christian marriage, and use the problem-solving device of forgiveness toward each other, they will never have a reason to divorce.
- 7- Now, what about those who do not have such a spotless record? It is best to begin this part of our study by reviewing those circumstances that qualify an innocent party to separate and divorce and those that qualify an innocent party to separation only. First of all, circumstances that allow for remarriage.