

MPV Husband Love Your Wife  
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One day the Pharisees came to tempt Jesus and asked him saying, “...*Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?*” (Matthew 19:3b). By asking Jesus this question, the Pharisees were actually seeking to draw Jesus into this controversy because during those days the people were divided on this issue, as people are today. Some would follow the teachings of Rabbi Hallel which took more of a liberal point of view on divorce and believed that a man could put away his wife for (literally) any reason, while Rabbi Shammai was more conservative in his views.

So to answer their question, Jesus responds by going back to God’s original plan on marriage, and this is way before the law was ever given by Moses (see Genesis 1:27-28, 2:20-25). The only permissible reason given for divorce was that of adultery (Matthew 19:7-9). But unfortunately in our day divorce occurs for any reason.

When God created man, God had a good plan for his life through marriage. God’s original intent and purpose, God’s divine ideal was and is still today that marriage be for life. It is for that reason that part of the marital vows even say “until death do us part.” But as previously mentioned, those words are no longer honored because within a short amount of time, the then happy couple soon end up in the courts of law getting divorced and dragging many into the mess that they created.

Morality in America has declined so drastically that fornication is no longer the only reason that divorce occurs. Some of the major reasons that are given for divorce are, a dramatic change in priorities, physical/verbal abuse, infidelity/adultery, spouse is in jail/military, financial irresponsibility, husband/wife won't get a job, refusal of intimacy, spouse's alcohol/drug abuse, spouse wants/doesn't want kids, step kids are involved, selfishness, unworkable differences, spouse no longer attractive, finding inappropriate text messages or pictures, found replacement for spouse, religious or political differences, marriage isn't what they thought it would be, impotency, spouse has ex-husband/wife, ethnic/cultural differences, and one of the most famous, unbearable in-laws. We will be dealing with these reasons in detail.

Another reason that is given for divorce is poor communication between couples. Husbands are known as men with few words (not in every case though).

According to research, women speak three times more than men. A woman speaks about 20 thousand words per day, what is 13 thousands more than a man does. Women also speak much quicker than men, spend more forces on gossips and receive pleasure from hearing their own voice (womanspassions.com).

My wife and I previously encountered this problem early on in our marriage. Even though it was not on a major scale, I was still guilty of not talking much. One evening as we laid on the bed my wife began to tell me a story. Every few minutes I would mumble yes. With that I was telling her that I was listening intently to her. Unfortunately for me

though my tiredness overpowered me and I fell asleep on her. The next thing I knew is that my wife was shaking me to wake up because half an hour had passed by since my last mumble. Believe me I have not repeated that mistake since. It took a while to redeem myself.

Communication is very important. I began to realize that by failing to communicate with my wife that she began to believe that I was not interested at all in her daily activities and in her life. But because I love her so dearly I began to make an initiative to communicate more with her. And that is one of the major points that I want you husbands to understand. You have to make every effort to live peaceably with your wife and to be in total unity with her. If there is something that you do that bothers her, then stop it. If you are failing to do something that you must do, then do it. Why would you even think that your wife is the one with the problem?

You are called by God to love your wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. You need to focus on “your” attitude, and not on your wife’s. You must do everything to keep your wife happy. And, “you” are the one that must keep your principle before your wife can keep hers.