

Tidings From Timothy

A Great home is where you start with a great church. Torn and bitter relationships cause us to fail in our spiritual service toward God. This being true, I believe it to be vital that we look at the subject of Marriage and especially Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage in this morning's lesson.

In Need of Prayer: Buel Abney was in the local hospital and will have a procedure done at St. Thomas this week. Larry Ford is recovering at home following knee replacement surgery. Remember those on the prayer list out front.

Jail Service: Please pray that all goes well with this service today (and that they let me out on good behavior).

Pantry Item: Vienna sausages, you know you love 'em. Show others a little love by donating some.

Morning Sermon Outline:

I. Definition: Lawful Marriage- a relationship between a man and a woman wherein they exist as husband and wife by agreement (covenant) in keeping with the laws of the land and the law of God. (Genesis 2: 21-24; Matt. 19: 4-6)

II. Marriage came into existence by God, and he regulates it to this day. Man has for thousands of years tampered with marriage, and so for the good of our souls and others it is important that we study upon this subject. (Matt. 19: 6)

III. Some primary New Testament passages on marriage are as follows: Matthew 19: 1-12, I Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5: 21-33.

IV. Marriage may end by death or divorce (cf. Romans 7: 1-3 on death). Divorce is the termination of Lawful Marriage, and is either sinful or is the result of sin. Some people may be divorced and yet still be bound by God as a result of their marriage. God calls divorce "putting away". (Malachi 2: 14-16; Matthew 19: 6; I Corinthians 7: 10,11)

V. God's general law for when a divorce occurs is found in I Corinthians 7: 10,11.

VI. There is one special case: divorce for the cause of fornication (Matthew 19: 9). Fornication is a term that includes the physical act of adultery and the illicit sexual act in general. Remarriage to another following divorce is permitted by God if and only if the first marriage ended by divorce for this cause.

VII. Questions:

A. Can one "live" in adultery? Yes, Rom. 7:1-3; Col. 3:5-7

B. What of one who marries a divorced person? They are living in adultery unless the person was the innocent party in a divorce for fornication. Matt. 19:9; Matt. 5:32

C. What if there are children from this union? They must be cared for, Eph. 6:1-4, but this does not change God's marriage law.

D. What of remarriage to one's former spouse? God did not want you to have a breakdown in the marriage, but you may remarry your former spouse, I Cor. 7:10,11.

E. Does God's law apply to sinners? Yes, Matt. 28:18-20. That's how they got to be sinners in the first place, they broke God's law for them.

F. What about a husband that abuses his wife? There is no legal or moral protection for such a husband. They should be immediately reported to the police, always. It may be necessary that such a man be put in jail for a while. A person may defend themselves – Luke 12:39 & Matt. 19:19.

VIII. There is one more important or prominent relationship- the one between you and your Lord. (Romans 7: 4; Ephesians 5: 1, 2, 25-27)

--Tim McHenry

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Isaiah 53:4 - 9⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death...

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Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study...	7pm
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