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CAUSES OF DIVORCE AFTER MARRIAGE
Matt. 19:3-9

A. Original plan: Two united into one again. Welded. V. 5.
B. Original plan: Man shall not break them asunder. V. 6.
C. America suffering 350,000 divorces annually. 350 per M
   Switzerland: 3.59 per M. Less than 4%. Can be done!!!
D. Two causes: Death and Unfaithfulness. Vs. 9.
E. ANDRE MAU-ROITS. Divorce as I see it.
   "There should be so many obstacles placed in the way
   of divorce, that those who overcome all of them are
   the ones who truly desire to do so. Otherwise, divorce resembles those automatic revolvers
   which are responsible for so many murders because
   they require only a light touch, a gesture which
   almost involuntarily means death." (Fuller: 284)
F. Divorce destroys: Unity, peace of mind, contentment,
   security, happiness, and certain unalienable rights
   1. REBECCA WEST: "The divorce of married people with
      children is nearly always an unspeakable calamity.
      The point is: if a child is deprived of either of
      its father or its mother it feels that it has been
      cheated out of a RIGHT. He may, through yearning
      for the unattainable parent, get himself into a
      permanent mood of discontent which will last his
      lifetime, and make him waste every opportunity of
      love and happiness—that could come to him later."
   2. Is there any wonder so many wish to diminish it!!!
      a. How often think JESUS wants it taught? 6-annually
      b. How often think ELDERS? Have asked for 3 times.
      c. Preachers' response to question: 3 at least!!
      d. Parents would likely request at least 6 times.
      e. Grandparents: 12 times. So eager! So hopeful!!
      All wish to protect loved ones from emotional
      horrors, mental anguish, spiritual numbness.
II. SEVERAL CAUSES, MOST PREVALENT TODAY, AND BIBLE CURES.
A. Petty Quarrelling: Need longer time—to be surer.
   Romans 12:9-10. No hypocrisy. Prefer each other.

C. Simple Neglect and Unbalanced Home Life.

Eph. 5:25. Give yourself sufficiently (balanced) to your wife and children, as to job and play. Too many American men being successful business men and citizens, and failures as husbands and fathers. (Question? Citizenship!? True! Agreed)

CONCLUSION: Nations are built on stable homes. Solid homes built on happy marriages. Happy marriages come through obedience to God's Word. God's Word comes from God, who said, "For this cause . . . . . . and "What God hath joined together . . . . . .

INV: Simple solution to all our problems: BE A CHRISTIAN.

Want to be happy? Become a Christian.

Want happy courtship? Be a Christian.


Want a Christian home? Build it with Christ.

Jesus calls you: Mark 16:15-16.

Jesus calls others back: I John 1:9.

Identify.
CAUSES OF DIVORCE AFTER MARRIAGE

Matthew 19:3-9

Text a "wrangle" about marriage and divorce. Pharisees not sincerely interested in God's law, man's happiness.

God instituted a marriage that will last! If YOURS is a God-joined marriage it will last. Mark 10:9.

Last week: A study of Causes of Divorce BEFORE marriage.

This week: A study of Causes of Divorce AFTER marriage.

I. PETTY QUARRELING. (Two selfish brats not grown up!)

A. Main cause: Marrying too early! Like 3-legged horse!
   2. In 1890 men marrying at 26 (av.) Now: 22.
   3. Today's competitive world DEMANDS more EDUCATION.

B. Cost of High Living. Rat-race that leads to ruin.
   1. Couples today want to START with same standard of living it took parents 25 years to achieve
   a. It isn't working! Disappointments, disillusion...
   b. Blame each other, when should blame one self!

C. RECIPE FOR HAPPY MARRIAGE: "Take two people who are saturated with love. Mix well with understanding and add kindness. Sift out the lumps of selfishness and stubbornness—as even a little of either will ruin the recipe. Flavor well with devotion. Use contentment to offset restlessness, add generous portions of good humor. Then frost the marriage cake with trust, and God will make it rise to heights of joy and gladness. ...Selected.

II. CHILDLESS MARRIAGES. Gen. 1:28.

A. Failure to have children fosters three mistakes.
   2. Deprives man of an heir—vicarious—immortality.
   3. Deprives couple of outside object of their love. Extroversion, unselfishness, service....

B. Planned childless home, violation of Titus 2:4-5 and ingrained secret of much human/happiness.

III. SIMPLE NEGLECT AND MODERN PRE-OCCUPATION.

A. No. 1 complaint of modern wife: Little time with just my husband and me. Spiritual communion!!!

B. Wives today demanding more material things, which requires more hours of work by husband, while wanting him at home too. Price of High Living!

IV. THE DEADLY TRIANGLE

A. Axiomatic truth: "A man is never dissatisfied with what he's got until he sees something better"

B. QUESTION: Why looking around in first place?
   1. Too high cost of living.
   2. Sulking and pouting for days. Relief!
   3. Humiliation before friends.
   4. Hug all children's affection, so none left for their daddy.
   5. Made his home uncomfortable for him.

(Above: 5 of 10 sure-fire ways to alienate a husband by Dr. Virgil G. Damon.)

C. Dr. Damon says: "Whether a marriage succeeds or fails depends on the wife in 99% of all cases. If a wife really wants to keep her husband, there is one ridiculously easy formula: Make him comfortable at home!"

D. Close with 5 of 13 PRACTICAL RULES FOR A HAPPY MARRIED LIFE. Best five:
   1. Never both be angry at the same time.
   2. Never talk AT one another, but TO each other, either privately or in company.
   3. Never taunt a mate with a past mistake; this drags his moral down and also his impression of you. Japan: face saving. Suicide.
   4. Neglect the whole world if you must, but never neglect your husband or wife.
   5. Never depart in the daytime without loving words to think about, nor go to sleep at night without a goodnight kiss.

Ill. Arthur Ray Treadwell, 31; Houston policeman, died in sleep 2-8-56. "He told me he loved me and he kissed me goodnight." Sweet memories.

Greatest cause:

INV: A marriage without God is a Godless marriage.

What else? What puts meaning into vows?

Greatest assurance of happy marriage is for both parties to Surrender to Christ, follow HIM

Sinner friends: B-R-C-B.

Erring Christian: R-P.

Newcomer: Settle down as soon as possible somewhere!