LIFE CHANGING MINISTRIES

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Biblical Separation/Divorce

I. Three reasons that may constitute divorce...

a. Abandonment - to leave completely or forsake..I Tim 5:8, I Cor 7:15, II Sam 13:17

- food, shelter, clothing, financial resources, presence

- from provider to infidel deserter

b. Adultery - Unlawful sexual relations between a married man or married woman...~~Matt 5:27-28~~, ~~Matt 15:19~~, ~~Matt 19:9/18~~, ~~Gal 5:19~~, ~~Lk 16:18~~, ~~Mk 10:11-12~~. ~~Dt 10:11-12~~, ~~Acts 10:38~~ ~~Deut 22:22~~, ~~Mal 3:14-16~~, ~~Eph 6:12~~, ~~I Pet 5:8~~, ~~Jn 10:10~~

- Adultery by direct commission

- Adultery without touching (does not justify divorce)

- Adultery by wrongful divorce

- Various causes (enemy, insecurity, lust, evil heart, ect)

- Various effects (evil actions, broken relationships, ect)

c. Abuse - Purposeful mistreating that is either verbal mental, emotional or physical (only the sexual abuse in the which there is a safety factor coupled with no repentance on the part of the perpetrator will justify a divorce)...~~Jam 1:20~~/4:11, ~~Tit 3:2~~, Phil 2:1-4, Gal ~~5:20~~, Eph 5:25/28, ~~II Sam 13:15-20~~, Prov 12:18, ~~I Cor 6:9~~, Lev 18

- Verbal - Emotional/Mental

- Physical - Sexual

II. Church elder interaction - Just as the couple was joined by the minister and witnessed before the church in the sight of God at the time of the marriage...the couple should go to elders before & during the process and if need be, the divorcees should be witnessed before the church in the sight of God...~~Matt 18:15-17~~, ~~I Cor 6:1-8~~, ~~Duet 19:16-18~~, Mark ~~3:25~~

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