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**DIVORCE: UNPACKING SCRIPTURE**

**Deutoromy 24:1.** "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and \_\_\_\_\_,"

he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts {it} in her hand and sends her out from his house,

**Malachi 2:16.** " " \_\_\_\_\_," says the Lord, the God of Israel."  
For I Hate Divorce

Based Upon Old Testament Law: DiaPBT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Divorce is a Permissable Bad Thing

The Old Testament Ideal: L,C,BOF: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave, Cleave, Be One Flesh.

**Genesis 2:24:** "Therefore shall a man \_\_\_\_\_ his father and his mother, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ unto his wife: and they shall \_\_\_\_\_,"  
Leave, Cleave, Be One Flesh

**Matthew 19:3-10.** {Some} Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful {for a man} to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created {them} from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?" So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

\_\_\_\_\_." They \*said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND {her} AWAY?" He \*said to them, "Because of your \_\_\_\_\_ Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." The disciples \*said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.; hardness of heart

What did the Disciples say? Did Jesus disagree with their statement? Look at what He said...

**Matthew 19: 11-12.** But He said to them, "Not all men {can} accept this statement, but {only} those to whom it has been given. "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are {also} eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept {this,} let him accept {it.}"

**1 Corinthians 7:10-17.** To the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife. But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. Yet \_\_\_\_\_

but God has called us to peace. 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? Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches. if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such {cases,}

Based Upon New Testament Principle: DiSaBT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Divorce is Still a Bad Thing

Jesus' statement in Matthew 9:11-12 which reads like a "loophole." We could get away with using that alone, since it's Jesus' own words, but you can't ignore the rest of Scripture.

## Let's Look at a Few Key Verses

**1 Corinthians 7:15.** “But if the unbelieving leave, let him leave. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such [cases]: but God hath called us to peace.”

**2 Corinthians 6:14.** “Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion has light with darkness?”

**Mark 10: 9, Matt 19:6** “What God has joined together let not man tear asunder.”

Some Key Concepts: “Unbelieving,” “Joined Together,” “Yoked,” “Leave,” “Tear Asunder.”

“Unbelieving” - Apistos. **1)** unfaithful, faithless, (not to be trusted, perfidious); **2)** incredible **a)** of things; **3)** unbelieving, incredulous **a)** without trust (in God).

“Joined Together” - Syzeugnymi. **1)** to fasten to one yoke, yoke together; **2)** to join together unite; **a)** of the marriage tie.

“Joined Together” includes LC&TBOF (Genesis 2:24): \_\_\_\_\_  
Leaving, Cleaving, & To Become One Flesh

“Unequally Yoked” - Heterozyge. **1)** to come under an unequal or different yoke, to be unequally yoked. **a)** to have fellowship with one who is not an equal: 2Cor 6:14, where the apostle is forbidding Christians to have intercourse with idolaters

“Yoke” - Zygos. **1)** a yoke. **a)** a yoke that is put on draught cattle. **b)** metaph., used of any burden or bondage. **1)** as that of slavery. **2)** of troublesome laws imposed on one, esp. of the Mosaic law, hence the name is so transferred to the commands of Christ as to contrast them with the commands of the Pharisees which were a veritable 'yoke'; yet even Christ's commands must be submitted to, though easier to be kept. **2)** a balance, pair of scales

“Tear Asunder,” “Separate” - Chorizo. **1)** to separate, divide, part, put asunder, to separate one's self from, to depart. **a)** to leave a husband or wife. **1)** of divorce. **b)** to depart, go away

13 verses. 4 times it is clearly speaking of a physical leaving of one place for another place. In these three uses, it is clearly speaking of a relationship or harmony and clearly not geography

**Romans 8:35.** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

**Romans 8:39.** Nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Hebrews 7:26.** For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

For the scholarly minded who want to check up on our interpretation, the Greek word Chorizo appears in the following verses: Matthew 19:6, Mark 10:6, Acts 1:4, Acts 18:1, Acts 18:2, Romans 8:35, Romans 8:39, 1 Corinthians 7:10, 1 Corinthians 7:11, 1 Corinthians 7:15, Philemon 1:15, Hebrews 7:26.

This is the word used in 1 Corinthians 7:15. “*If the unbelieving ‘chorizo,’ let him ‘chorizo.’*” Then the divorce is the legal recognition of the state of the relationship.

Then the question is “What Constitutes a Leaving?”

Easy to Determine: PLwItD: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physically Leaving with Intent to Divorce

Not So Easy to Determine: VV: \_\_\_\_\_  
Violate Vows

Hard to Determine: LtR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Left the Relationship

Before asking that question about \_\_\_\_\_, ask the question about \_\_\_\_\_.  
Your Spouse, You

You should not seek Divorce from a PoG: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position of Guilt

Thus, the YDYP Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
You Do Your Part