



"Questions About Divorce"

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Matthew 5:31-32

1. How does _____ view divorce?

Matthew 5:31-32 NIV

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

2. Is it okay to divorce if my marriage is _____?

- 73% see divorce as _____.
- Divorce rate for second marriages is _____%.
- Divorce rate for third marriages is _____%.
- Divorce rate increased by _____% from 1960 to 1980.
- Divorce rate since 1980 has declined, but _____ is rising.

Malachi 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ *Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.* ¹⁶ *"I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.*

Children of divorce often suffer from...

- Poor _____ performance
- Loss of interest of _____ activity
- Difficulty adapting to _____
- Emotionally sensitive
- Fits of anger and irritability
- Feelings of _____
- Increased substance abuse
- Increased _____ activity

John 10:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

3. If divorce isn't an option, how can I make my marriage _____?

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ *To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*

Ephesians 5:22-23 (NIV)

²² *Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.* ²³ *For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.*



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Ephesians 5:25, 28 (NIV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Divorce Rates among Christians:

- Christians who did not regularly attend church - _____%
- Christians who attend church a couple times a year - _____%
- Christians who attend church once a month - _____%
- Christians who attend church nearly once a week - _____%

4. What if I've already divorced and _____?

1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.

1 Corinthians 7:20 (NIV)

²⁰ Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

It is never _____, you are never too far gone, to receive the _____
_____ Christ offers those who are in Him.



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