

MARRIAGE – DOCTRINE OF STATUS QUO

1. Principle: If you are a believer and are single, remain in that status, focus on spiritual growth, orient to the doctrine of right man/woman until the situation of singledom should change.
2. It is much better to be single than married to the wrong woman (doctrine of right man – right woman, Adam's rib)
3. If you cannot live with yourself, you cannot take your problem and live with someone else and changing from single to married status is the most insane thing you can do because you make your problem worse.
4. As a believer it is better, first of all, to understand the pertinent doctrine on the subject of sex and marriage before any change is made in status, 1 Cor 7:8-10.
5. You, in studying RM-RW may come to the conclusion that you are married to the wrong person. This is not an excuse to break up the marriage. Focus on learning and applying Bible doctrine.
6. You can turn an unhappy marriage into a happy one by:
 - a. Accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior. Your domestic problems are secondary to your relationship with the Lord.
 - b. Stay under the filling of the Holy Spirit, take in Bible doctrine, work on the edifice of doctrine in the soul. Being grace oriented, plus other biblical problem solving devices does wonders in marriage.
 - c. In the meantime consider carefully the law of contentment found in Philip 4:11-13; Heb 13:5-6. Remain in status quo.
7. If, as a believer, you go against God's will (marry an unbeliever or wrongly divorced person) remain in status quo (marriage), you are not to break it up. Then rebound over your sin and never look back, God has forgotten it, so should you.
8. You will have problems, natural repercussions of a mixed marriage, but your responsibility is to stay filled with the Holy Spirit and learn Bible doctrine and use the principle of winning the unbelieving mate to the Lord.