

Do's and Don'ts In A Imperfect Marriage



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First, unless you are living in adultery, your marriage, although it may be full of problems, is not merely a “mistake”. It is a binding covenant between you and God. *Mal. 2:14; Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:13-14*

Second, you must vow to teach and warn others not to foolishly enter into a marriage as you did.

1 Tim. 1:13-16

Third, you are right to look to the future, not to the past. *Phil. 3:13-14*

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Some
Things
You
MUST
NOT Do

- Do Not Divorce – ***Matt. 5:32; 19:9***
 - The Temptation To Do So May Increase Over Time
- Do Not Become Bitter – ***Eph. 4:31-32***
 - Against Brethren, Friends, Family – They Are Your Support System

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- Do Not Withdraw Within Yourself – ***1 Kings 19:3-5***
 - Not Attending Services, Isolating Yourself From Family, Friends, Social Events
- Do Not Let Your Physical Appearance Deteriorate – ***2 Sam. 12:20***
 - Looking Like A Bum Leads To Acting Like One

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- Do Not Return Evil For Evil –
Rom. 12:17-21
 - Your Mate, In Laws, Even Your Children Are Likely Targets
- Do Not Turn To Sin – Drinking, Drugs –
Prov. 23:29-35; Rom. 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-14
 - These Will Only Increase Your Feelings Of Misery, Not Alleviate It,
1 Tim. 6:9b

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- Pray Without Ceasing – ***1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; James 5:17-18***
 - Ask Others To Pray For You And Your Mate – ***Eph. 6:18-19; 2 Thess. 3:1-2***
- If It Be Possible, Live Peaceably With Your Mate – ***Rom. 12:18***
 - It May Not Be Possible, The Lord Knows And He Will Judge

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- Keep Yourself Pure –
1 Thess. 5:22; Rev. 2:10
 - You Cannot Control Your Mate,
But You Can Control Yourself
- Be An Example – ***1 Tim. 4:12***
 - In Everything Your Do, Say, Act,
Do Not Give The Devil A Reason
To Accuse You Of Wrong.

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- Guard Your Tongue—
Col. 4:6; James 3:5-6
 - May Be Difficult Not To Retaliate, But Not Impossible!
Prov. 15:1; 25:11, 23
- Love And Submit To Your Mate –
Eph. 5:25; 1 Pet. 3:1-2
 - Remember That It Was Your Choice!

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- Remember The Watching Eyes Of Your Children And Their Eternal Destiny – ***Psa. 78:5-8***
 - The Faith Of Our Future Descendents Depends On What We Teach Our Children Today!
- Compare And Contrast The Pains And Pleasures Of This Life And The World To Come – ***Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:1; Heb. 11:24-26***
 - Your Troubles Will Pass One Day!

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

SAVED

MAN'S PART

Remain Faithful
Co 1.21f;
Re 2.10

Baptism
into Christ

Mk 16.16;
1P 3.21

Confess

Faith, Ro
10.9, 10;
Ac 8.37

Repent

of Sins
Ac 2.38;
17.30

Believe

Gospel
Jn 8.24;
He 11.6

Hear

Gospel
Ro 10.13f;
Jn 6.44, 45

Spirit
Revealed
Word
Jn 16.13

Jesus Shed
His Blood

Ep 1.7;
1Pe 1.19

God Sent
His Son
Jn 3.16;
1Jn 4.10

GOD'S PART

SINNER

**What must
I do to be
saved?!**