



“DON'T GIVE UP”

I Corinthians 7:10-14 NCV



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I Corinthians 7:10-12 NCV

¹⁰ Now I give this command for the married people. (The command is not from me; it is from the Lord.) A wife should not leave her husband.

¹¹ But if she does leave, she must not marry again, or she should make up with her husband. Also the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² For all the others I say this (I am saying this, not the Lord): If a Christian man has a wife who is not a believer, and she is happy to live with him, he must not divorce her.



I Corinthians 7:13-14 NCV

¹³ And if a Christian woman has a husband who is not a believer, and he is happy to live with her, she must not divorce him.

¹⁴ The husband who is not a believer is made holy through his believing wife. And the wife who is not a believer is made holy through her believing husband. If this were not true, your children would not be clean, but now your children are holy.



It's Your Choice

- Every relationship dynamic is based upon a choice.
- Loneliness is not a lifestyle it's a choice.

I Corinthians 15:46 NCV, "46 The spiritual did not come first, but physical and then the spiritual."

- We become spiritually connected to people whenever we enter an acquaintanceship, association, friendship or intimate relationship.



Covenants

- **Covenants are not easily broken nor destroyed.**
- A covenant is a promise to never quit.

Covenant – a formal, solemn, and binding agreement; promise; pledge or contract.

- Accepting an employment position
- Accepting a Driver's License
- Placing a food order in a drive thru
- Catching a ride with another



Covenants (Page 2)

- **A covenant means that you trust the other party.**

Amos 3:3 NCV, ”³ Two people will not walk together unless they have agreed to do so.”

- **Relational Covenants please GOD.**

Job 2:11 CEV, “¹¹ Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuah, and Zophar from Naamah were three of Job’s friends, and they heard about his troubles. So, they agreed to visit Job and comfort him.”



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Proverbs 17:17 CEV, "17 A friend is always a friend, and relatives are born to share our troubles."

➤ **Marital Covenants honor GOD.**

➤ GOD doesn't bring us together to divide us.

Matthew 19:5-6 CEV, "5 That's why a man leaves his father and mother and gets married. He becomes like one person with his wife. 6 Then they no longer two people, but one. And no one should separate a couple that GOD has joined together."



Covenants (Page 4)

- When our marriage is healthy GOD wins!
 - Don't Give Up!

Hebrews 11:6 CEV, “⁶ But without faith no one can please GOD. We must believe that GOD is real and that HE rewards everyone who searches for HIM.”

- *GOD will reward our faithfulness when will choose HIS WILL instead of our way.*
- *GOD wants your marriage to win! Don't Give Up!*



Point 1 — Stay Put!

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 NCV

“¹⁰ Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord:

¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband.”

Obey – to follow commands or guidance; to conform to, or comply with; to adhere.



Point 1 (Page 2)

- ❑ GOD requires faithful obedience in covenant relationships.

St. John 14:15 NCV, “¹⁵ If you love Me, you will obey My commands.”

James 1:22 CEV, “²² Obey GOD’s message! Don’t fool yourselves by just listening to it.”

Isaiah 1:19 NCV, “¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.”



Point 1 (Page 3)

- ❑ *GOD requires unwavering faith in covenant relationships.*

Matthew NCV, “²¹ So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.”



Point 2 — Consider Your Spouse

1 Corinthians 12-13 NCV

“¹² But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: if any brother has a wife who does not believe and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.

¹³ and a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.”

Consideration — continuous and careful thought; thoughtful and sympathetic regard; to reflect.



Point 2 (Page 2)

- ❑ GOD requires consideration in covenant relationships.

Philippians 2:4 CEV, “⁴ Care about them as much as you care about yourselves.”

Titus 3:2 AMP, “² to slander or abuse no one, to be kind and conciliatory and gentle, showing unqualified consideration and courtesy toward everyone.”



Point 3 (Page 3)

❑ GOD requires selflessness in covenant relationships.

1 Peter 3:8 NKJV, “⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”

1 Thessalonians 5:15 CEV, “¹⁵ Don’t be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.”



Point 3 — Maintain the Covenant

1 Corinthians 7:14 NCV

“¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.”

Maintain — to keep in an existing state, to preserve from failure or decline; to sustain against opposition or danger; to uphold and defend.



Point 3 (Page 2)

☐ GOD requires loyalty in covenant relationships.

1 Corinthians 13:7 CEV, “⁷ Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 CEV, “¹³ Keep alert. Be firm in your faith. Stay brave and strong. ¹⁴ Show love in everything you do.”



Point 3 (Page 3)

☐ GOD requires protection in covenant relationships.

Proverbs 24:29 NCV, “⁹ Don’t say, “I’ll get even; I’ll do to him what he did to me.”

Ephesians 4:31-32 NCV, “³¹ Do not be bitter or angry or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil. ³² Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as GOD forgave you in Christ.”



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