
Words of Truth

Sleeping With The Faithful

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Our two previous studies dealt with the dangers of marrying a person of the world (<http://www.wordsoftruth.net/wotvol15/wotbulletin04122015.html>) or a Christian who is not faithful (<http://www.wordsoftruth.net/wotvol15/wotbulletin04192015.html>). If a person considering marriage honestly studied the Scriptures in those two articles, that person would conclude that they should be extremely careful not to marry the wrong person. With this study, I'd like us to consider some Scriptural points that are true concerning marrying the right person.

While finding the faithful is always going to be a difficult task (Matthew 7:13-14 and Matthew 22:1-14), faithful brethren will always exist (Romans 11:1-5). Faithful, godly women can look for faithful, godly men. There are benefits in such. The godly will walk in integrity and bring blessings to his children (Proverbs 20:7). A moral woman will be a crown to her husband (Proverbs 12:4). Therefore, though it may be very hard to find the right mate, it is possible. We are going to start our study by discussing the things that should be looked for when trying to find a godly mate.

Look For These Things

Sometimes it is very hard to know whether or not someone is faithful to God (I Timothy 5:24-25). That does not mean we should just throw our hands up in the air and give up though. The word of God tells us to examine the fruit of individuals to know their faithfulness or lack thereof (Matthew 7:20 and Luke 6:43-46). To find that faithful man or woman in Christ, you have to look further than their words (Titus 1:16) or appearance (John 7:24). You must also realize that life is not a Hallmark movie. You cannot "follow your heart" (Jeremiah 17:9-10).

When a godly Christian woman is looking for a faithful Christian man, she should first look for a man that will be the spiritual leader in that relationship (Joshua 24:14-15). Men such as Noah and Abraham led their families toward salvation (Genesis 6:8-9; 7:13 and Hebrews 11:8-19). This should be the first concern in looking for a husband. Will he help his family get to heaven? The godly woman could look to the qualifications of an elder, as a guideline of sorts, to understand the leadership qualities of the man she is considering (I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9). The right man will be the kind of man that will love his wife (Colossians 3:19) using Christ as his pattern (Ephesians 5:25). Sisters in Christ should make sure their man is not a lazy bum (Proverbs 6:6-11 and I Timothy 5:8). A woman should ask herself if she is looking at the kind of man that will "man up" when he needs to (I Corinthians 16:13).

When a man is looking for a godly wife, he should remember that women exist to help men. Will this woman be a helper or a hindrance in spiritual and physical things (Genesis 2:18-24)? This should be the first concern. While there are many things to consider when looking at a woman according to the Bible, a godly man would do well to consider how God

describes a godly woman (Proverbs 14:1, Proverbs 19:14, and Proverbs 31:10-31). Will the woman this man is looking to marry be willing to guide the house aright (I Timothy 5:14)? Will this woman be sober, loving to her husband, loving to her children, discreet (cf. Proverbs 11:22), chaste (cf. I Peter 3:1-2), keepers at home, good (cf. Proverbs 27:15-16), and obedient to her husband (Titus 2:3-5)? She, like her husband, will use the Lord as her standard (Ephesians 5:22-24 and Colossians 3:18).

By all means, the information above is not all there is to consider in finding a godly mate. However, those few points will eliminate most of the dumb choices someone could make in marrying the wrong person. In surety, the points above eliminate the worldly person and the wavering Christian man or woman. Now, I want to consider for a few moments in this study the benefits of sleeping with the faithful.

Great Benefits In Sleeping With The Faithful

First and foremost, it is AWESOME being married to someone who is side by side with you in your spiritual journey that will end with salvation for both of you (I Peter 3:7). It does not start and stop there. One of the primary reasons people seek to marry is to rightfully fulfill sexual desires (I Corinthians 7:1-9 and Hebrews 13:4). When discussing marrying the right person this point is often dismissed when it comes to Christians. I don't know why that is done. Marrying a godly person is the most sexually gratifying decision you can make. You will know that your mate will work hard to fulfill those carnal desires you have if you marry a faithful Christian (I Corinthians 7:31-34). A lot of marriages end because of sex (or the lack thereof). Marrying a faithful Christian will assure that will not happen (Proverbs 5:15-21).

Another reason marriages end is financial problems. Marrying a faithful Christian will also eliminate this issue. While laziness and refusal to work would rightfully be an issue (II Thessalonians 3:10-13), riches would never be a problem. A faithful Christian will be content in whatever state they are in financially (Philippians 4:11-13 and I Timothy 6:6-10).

Think about other blessings one has in being married to a Christian. You will be married to someone you can count on for edification and comfort (I Thessalonians 5:11-14). You will be married to someone who, if you find yourself spiritually weak, will bear with you (Romans 15:1-3). You will be married to someone who, if you sin, will be there to bring you back (James 5:19-20). You will be married to someone with whom you can discuss the Scriptures and work together spiritually (Acts 18:24-26). If you have children they will be blessed to have faithful models to pattern their lives after (I Timothy 4:12). You will not have arguments of who is right, for the Lord will always be the head of your table and the roles of authority will always stay in place (I Corinthians 11:3). Many more things could be said, but space is limited. Enough should be in place for us all to realize and appreciate the benefits of marrying a godly individual.

Conclusion

We have had three studies that present things to consider about marrying the wrong or right person. If you are young, consider them hard (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Marry the right person! If you are already married, use this information to teach others. If you've made the wrong choice, you are stuck with it (Mark 10:2-12). Help others not to do the same.