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The Christian's Counseling Corner

“I AM THINKING OF LEAVING MY HUSBAND”

As I find a frequency concerning this matter, I wish to address it publicly. Wife, if you are contemplating leaving your husband, then there are several things you should know.

First, if your husband has not committed fornication or abandoned you, then you must understand that the Lord says a wife should not separate from her husband. The Apostle Paul wrote, “And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband” (1 Cor. 7:10). Now, with that said, some wives may say, “*I can always repent later.*” For the wives who think this way, you must understand that the Lord also says, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). You must not tempt the Lord to deliberately transgress His rules. He says,

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? (Heb. 10:26-29)

You may say, “*What can I do then? I don't want to go to hell, but living with my husband is horrible!*”

You must realize that the Lord does not ask anything of us that He does not think we are capable of bearing. Paul says, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10:13).

Separation or divorce may seem like an inviting offer because of the relief you hope to find, however, separation provides a pseudo or counterfeit peace and an improper escape. Separation will train you to run from your problems, and you will be running for the rest of your life.

In summary, stay with your spouse. Don't check out. Listen and obey Godly counsel. Ask for help. Don't bear it alone.

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