

Happiness In Your Home
The Two Shall Be One #3



Text: 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Context

verse 11 - when both spouses are Christians
verses 12-16 - where one spouse is an unbeliever

I. Introduction

- This is the 3rd sermon on "The Two Shall Be One!" We've spoken of our three-fold nature found in Genesis 2:7, which is body, spirit, and soul, and how we need to be compatible in these areas! Last Sunday we discussed physical compatibility. Satan battles this type of compatibility with 1) sexual perversion 2) sexual prevention 3) sexual provision (**1 Corinthians 6:18**) Today we shall discuss emotional and spiritual compatibility.

II. The Two Shall Become One Emotionally!

A. Communication

- Talk to each other to understand each other. Men especially have trouble communicating.
- We (especially men) need to learn to control our anger!
- Three choices when you get angry are:
 1. You can BLOW up!
 2. You can CLAM up!
 - This may be more dangerous than to BLOW up
 3. You can OPEN up!
 - Communicate, explain why you are angry
- Attack the problem, don't attack your spouse!
- God may allow these situations because of our own weaknesses and faults
- Make sure only one of the marriage partners gets mad at a time; don't get mad at the same time
- Eliminate "divorce" and "separation" from your vocabulary
- There is a time to say something, there is a time to keep silent, especially at meal time

B. Consideration

- Dealing with the "pluses" and "minuses"
- Dwell on the positives, forget the negatives!
- Satan will get you to place your emphasis on the negatives and lose focus on the positives!
- We all have "pluses" and "minuses"
- Marriage takes a great deal of consideration
- We've got to watch WHEN we say it, HOW we say it, WHAT we say!

C. Cooperation

- Married people need to learn to cooperate in decision making!
- Work things out together
- Attack the problem, not each other!

III. The Two Shall Become One Spiritually!

- Make spiritual compatibility the foremost thing in your relationship!
- If you are not spiritually compatible, you're going to have BIG problems!
- One of the best decisions you can make is to say: "I will not seriously date somebody who's not right with Christ, someone who's not saved!"
- Lead them to Christ, help them get saved first, then date them
- We must discriminate spiritually; if you date an unsaved person, then you are forced to backslide.

IV. Conclusion

- Why not respond to Christ's invitation today?
- Everyone needs a church family
- If you love your spouse and if you love Jesus, you will make it!
- Order of compatibility
 1. Spiritual
 2. Emotional
 3. Physical (only after marriage)