

Teach Them!

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It is imperative that parents, especially parents who are Christians, instruct their own children diligently and thoroughly in the vital subject of **“marriage —what God’s word says about it.”** They are but fulfilling their God-given obligations and preparing their children for the inevitable — practically every one of them will in time marry — when they do so.

Their own good example should be brought to bear to offset the numerous bad examples constantly publicized and held up to them. There are winds of error, currents of false doctrine, and tides of change that must be countervailed with divine truth.

Teach them that marriage is one of the most serious relationships in life — not to be taken lightly, not to be entered hastily and thoughtlessly. Teach them that marriage, every marriage, is to be a life-long contract, broken only by death (Romans 7:1-3). This should be the understanding and determination of every man and woman who have a right to marry and who enter this realm.

Teach them that our standard is God’s word — not the writings of men, not the feelings of society, not the practice of “celebrities.” Teach them that it is the court of heaven, in the person of God’s own Son, that shall judge us for the lives we have lived, and that shall render an eternal verdict, and not the courts of men.

Teach them to love, respect, and fear God. Teach them to reverence His word. Teach them to honor His Son. Teach them to be unselfish and loving. Teach them to be devoted husbands and wives and capable fathers and mothers. Do not leave this teaching to their peers, their school teachers, or even Bible class teachers. And God forbid that we should leave it to television programs, movies, paperbacks, and magazines!

A small ad appeared often and conspicuously in a daily Houston, Texas newspaper. In bold type it announced: **“DIVORCE, ONLY \$95.”** A toll-free phone number was given, and the reader was informed that the transaction could be charged to MasterCard or Visa. It seems that as people are less and less committed to the life-time nature of marriage, others are more and more willing to help them get out of it. But Jesus still says, *“What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder”* (Matt. 19:6). And the Bible still enjoins: *“Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge”* (Heb. 13:4).

YOUNG PEOPLE, MARRIAGE IS FOR LIFE, AND GOD WILL HOLD US TO IT! Do not make a foolish or stubborn mistake.

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