

“TEACHING THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS”

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"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." {1 Timothy 4:1-3}

Some years back I attended a Bible discussion on the subject of Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage. Another church in town sent us an invitation to hear what they believe the Bible teaches on this subject. To say we were apart in our understanding would be a very grave understatement!

Let me share with you three observations from this discussion. Brethren, like me, who teach the only cause for divorce is adultery, are teaching the "doctrine of demons". Why? We forbid to marry! This is the charge leveled at us- is it correct?

Let me say plainly I do not forbid marriage. The Bible teaches this estate is honorable,

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” {Hebrews 13:4} What I forbid is “unlawful marriage.” Does God limit the number of mates one can have? He certainly does! Please read Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 7:1-4.

"For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. For John had said to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'" {Mark 6:17,18} Did John teach the doctrine of demons? Herod could not have another's wife! Is this an unlawful marriage?

"Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband " {1 Corinthians 7:2} The key is understanding **OWN**. My dear brother believes everyone who does not have a mate, (no matter if he puts one away for some other cause than adultery or if the one put away is an adulterer) has a God given right to another mate!

Someone tell me how this reasoning encourages people to stay together? If this is true, and a person comes to me and wants to get out of his marriage, why not tell him to commit adultery? It frees both parties! Here is their reasoning: She has the right to put him away and marry into another relationship. He repents of his adultery. Who is he married to now? No one, he is single. To avoid fornication he can have a wife! {1 Corinthians 7:2}

To be honest, this type of reasoning is no different than polygamy. You just do it one at a time! What about the "constraint of law"? Did he have a God given right to end his marriage? Please read the principles of Deuteronomy 24:1-4. What we have here is rewarding the sinner? Isaiah 5:20.

Another charge made. We limit the blood of Christ. The blood of Christ will forgive any

sin that man will repent of and quit practicing! Christ's blood washes away sins--not marriages! One cannot remain in the sin and God accept him. This is just a "smoke screen" to scare people from looking at the truth.

A question was asked: what passage ever commanded a person to get out of a marriage to come to Christ? Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30; 1 Corinthians 6:9- 11. The bridge built from 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 to 1 Corinthians 7:2 falls. Why? The word "were," is past tense! In the seventh chapter of 1 Corinthians the fornicator is not there! Read the context of the chapter please! ***