

Two People

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He was referring to his marriage which he had decided had turned out to be a “mistake.” His solution was to get a divorce and find someone else (truth be told, he had already found someone else while still married, someone he was working with, someone who led him to believe his first marriage was a “mistake”). According to **Matthew 5:31-32**, he had no scriptural grounds for divorce and neither he nor his first wife could marry again without sin. Back when he wanted to marry a woman who was not a Christian (his first wife), he wasn’t ready to listen to anyone’s advice. After his marriage, he had become weak and unfaithful as a Christian. When he became unhappy in his marriage, he sought no advice from fellow Christians nor God’s solution (in His word) to his problem(?). And he wasn’t ready to listen to anyone’s advice after he had decided that his marriage was a “mistake.”

Two people, then, can be what God wants them to be in marriage and realize and enjoy all the benefits. Or, one or both of them can dedicate themselves to making their marriage fail, but not without facing temporal and eternal consequences (here and hereafter). Marriage is to be had in honor among all (**Hebrews 13:4**) and regarded and treated as the sacred and divinely-originated relationship that it is.

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This is issue number **fifty-two** and the last bulletin for this year. Each year brings new and unexpected events and happenings, but nothing could have prepared us for the year we have had! I think I am glad that I didn’t know in advance what the year would bring — a lot of heartache, sorrow, grief, and worry — that would only have added to the suffering. But it is a great reminder of **James 4:14** “*whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*” As true as this statement is, nothing makes it so real as when the life of a loved one “*vanishes away*” like “*a vapor.*” It really hits home, and their age has nothing to do with the amount of love lost by their absence.

Life is uncertain, our health is a frail thing, and the best we can do is prepare for eternity today, while we have the opportunity. When death comes it will be too late to prepare. Some act as though they are going to live forever. I guess they are in denial. Death seems so far away, but it is always so near. Be ready.

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