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Bible Study

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“Lies At The Altar”

How is it that so many “Christian” couples are miserable? How is it that so many “Christian” couples are separating? How is it that so many “Christian” couples are divorcing? These persons made vows to each other at their wedding ceremony... “for better or for worse,” “for richer or for poorer,” “in sickness and in health,” “forsaking all others,” “until death do us part.” Yet, when conflict in any area occurs, one or the other is ready to give up on their marriage. Could it be that someone told “Lies At The Altar”!

“Conflict Resolution”

I. Why Conflict?

Genesis 3:1; Ephesians 6:12; 1st Peter 5:8

1. Because of Lucifer, Satan is the enemy of God; therefore he is the enemy of everything God ordained – including marriage.

II. Unfair Weapons In Resolving Conflict

1. Physical Abuse
2. Verbal Abuse
3. Silent Treatment
4. Using sex as a weapon or bargain tool
5. Involving in-laws, friends, and co-workers
6. Having disagreements in public settings
7. Letting the past stay in the past

Proverbs 18:6-7

Proverbs 15:1-2, 21:9; Ephesians 4:29

Ephesians 4:26-27

1st Corinthians 7:3-5

Proverbs 25:9-10

1st Corinthians 6:1

Ephesians 4:31-32; Philippians 3:13-14

III. How To Resolve Conflict

1. Open and honest communication.
2. Biblical model of communication
 - Swift to hear
 - Slow to speak
 - Slow to wrath (anger)
3. Christ must be the center of your marriage

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

James 1:19

Ephesians 5:31-32

IV. Twelve Words That Are Critical For Conflict To Be Resolved

1. I am sorry
2. I was wrong
3. Please forgive me
4. I Love You

Remember, no couple can avoid conflict – but every Christian couple can overcome conflict (*John 16:33*)!