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*footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. [36] And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. [37] Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No!'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*

*Exodus 20:7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."*

### **Your words and your heart**

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*Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*

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*Psalms 15:1 Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? [2] He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart [4] ... who keeps his oath even when it hurts,*

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*Proverbs 17:20 A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.*

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## **Divorce and Our Words**

### **Overcoming Bad Passions—part 4**

Matthew 5:31-37; July 27, 2014

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#### **■ Marriage: ■**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
2. Designed to reflect the saving \_\_\_\_\_ of God for us in Christ
3. Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: takes “agape,” not just “eros”
5. To shape \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. Fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ roles from complementary gender ■
7. Sex's \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### **■ Divorce ■**

*Matthew 5:31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'"*

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*Deuteronomy 24:1 If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house...*

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*Mark 10:2 Some Pharisees came and **tested him** by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"*

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*<sup>3</sup> "What did Moses command you?" he replied.*

*<sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."*

■ ■ *<sup>5</sup> "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied.*

*Yes, divorce was permitted, but only because of the hardness of man's hearts. Then, Jesus reminds them what God's ideal of marriage looks like.*

*<sup>6</sup> "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'*

■ ■ *<sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,*

*<sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one.*

*<sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."*

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## **Divorce, separation and remarriage**

*Matthew 5:32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.*

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*1 Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace.*

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*1 Corinthians 7:10- To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband.*

■ ■ *<sup>11</sup> But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.*

## **Keeping your vows**

■ ■ *Matthew 5:33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' "*

*Matt. 5:34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; [35] or by the earth, for it is his*

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