1 Do Over

Tony Mauck · Matthew 19:3–9

INTRODUCTION

- But if you ask a question of the preacher, and he's only preaching one Sunday night in a month, then this may be the night that he addresses your question.
- Do not regard as trash or invaluable your confidence, your faith in the living God and your trust in him and his word.
- He said, Why doesn't God give us one do-over in marriage?

1 This Is God's Institution and Should Be Respected

Matthew 19:3–9; 1 Corinthians 7:39; Psalm 147:4–5

- Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause at all?
- What therefore God is joined together, let no man separate.
- The why of God's commands are not always ascertainable.
- This is God's institution. He created man, he established it, he regulated it, and we need to respect God's institution.

2 We Need to Learn Submission

Psalm 50:21–22

- The issue with God's instruction is that we need to learn submission. Submission, not we are kings.
- Once you start setting instruction aside because it's difficult, it doesn't comply with my present situation and circumstances, I need to then set it aside so that I can be happy.
- Because I was silent, you thought that I was just like you.
- This is the hardest part for us, not just in regard to marriage, but in regard to all of God's instructions. I must learn submission.

3 A Proper Regard for Marriage and Its Purpose

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12; Ecclesiastes 9:9

- So many, including some of us, do not have a proper regard for marriage and its purpose.
- Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.
- Marriage by God's design is for friendship. Mutual support, selfless care and concern for another's well-being.
- Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life.

4 What You Can Control in Your Marriage

1 Peter 3:7; 1 Corinthians 7:32–34

- One of the things that you know is you cannot control your spouse.
- The husband is concerned about taking care of the wife, the wife is concerned about taking care of the husband, and that's my job.
- There's going to be incompatibility with anybody that you marry.
- The key to spiritual survival in a marriage is to realize that what God is wanting me to do in this union is to grow to be more like Christ.
- Marriage is a proving ground for character rather than the fulfilling of my desires.

5 If One Do Over, Why Not More Than One?

- If we can have one do over, why not more than one?
- We go from one half to two thirds to three quarters of third marriages.
- I think it is the same unrealistic view of what marriage was going to be is going to follow them into the second marriage and the third marriage and beyond.

6 The Key to a Thriving Marriage Is Love

1 Corinthians 13:4–5

- The key to a thriving marriage is love. The biblical definition, of course.
- You want your marriage to be better? Start with the first two. Love is patient. Love is kind.
- Oh, and love does not seek its own.

THE CHALLENGE

But these are the rules that govern God's institution. And may we always respect it and regard him and it very highly.

MY NOTES