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# Elephants in the Room

**Part 1: Divorce**

# Why does God care if a couple gets divorced?

**1. Marriage is God's idea.**

**Ephesians 5:31-32; Genesis 2:24**

**2. Divorce is death (and death hurts).**

**Malachi 2:16**

**3. Divorce doesn't solve the problem.**

# **When is it permissible to get divorced?**

**There are two Biblical allowances for divorce:**

**1. Fornication.**

**Matthew 19:3-10**

**2. Abandonment by an unbeliever.**

**1 Corinthians 7:12-16**

**Does being divorced disqualify  
you from Christian service?**

**No!**

**Divorce does not permanently affect  
your ability to minister.**

**Matthew 5:31-32**

**You can still be in church leadership.**

**1 Timothy 3:2**

# **I am divorced – What's next for me?**

**1. Your divorce does not define you.**

**1 Peter 2:9**

**2. Singleness is honorable.**

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**3. Marriage & remarriage are honorable.**

**Hebrews 13:4; 1 Tim. 5:14**



**Will you adjust your  
views on divorce  
to reflect God's  
views on  
divorce?**