

STRIKE THE ORIGINAL MATCH
COMMITMENT IS THE KEY (PART TWO)
1 CORINTHIANS 7:3-4, 10-13, 24, 27-28, 34-35



The Heart of the Matter

As bombs dropped and enemies threatened to take over his country, Britain's prime minister, Winston Churchill, understood that the war would not be won by giving up the fight. Surrender is not an option if you plan to win. In a world where marriage is under attack by pressures outside and inside the Christian church, God's people cannot abdicate. We have a responsibility to ourselves, to our world, and to our God to stand strong in our marital commitment. But how can we do that? Let's take a look at what the Bible says we can do to bolster our marriages.



Discovering the Way

1. Review: Characteristics of Our Day

Our day has seen marital commitment weakening in the face of public opinion, accommodating theology, delayed consequences, and Christian approval.

2. Renew: Principles for Our Day (1 Corinthians 7:3-4; 10-13; 24; 27-28; 34-35)

Married Christians, if they hope to stay committed to one another, must realize that no conflict is beyond solution; that God wants us to work through our problems; that commitment is about releasing, not demanding, our rights; and that the Christian's ultimate goal is to glorify God, not be happy.

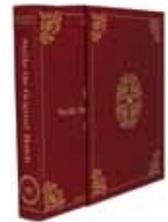


Starting Your Journey

Two qualities will keep marriages strong. First, the Christian home is to model unconditional love. And, second, the Christian home is to maintain unbroken vows.

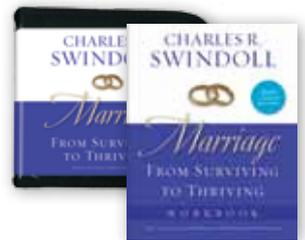


Tools for Digging Deeper



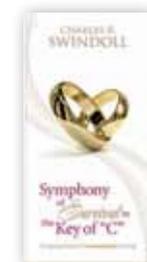
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