



Social Issues

Homosexuality

Romans 1:21-28 *"21 They know about God, but they don't honour him or even thank him. Their thoughts are useless, and their stupid minds are in the dark. They claim to be wise, but they are fools. They don't worship the glorious and eternal God. Instead, they worship idols that are made to look like humans who cannot live forever, and like birds, animals, and reptiles.*

So God let these people go their own way. They did what they wanted to do, and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies. They gave up the truth about God for a lie, and they worshipped God's creation instead of God, who will be praised for ever. Amen.

God let them follow their own evil desires. Women no longer wanted to have sex in a natural way, and they did things with each other that were not natural. Men behaved in the same way. They stopped wanting to have sex with women and had strong desires for sex with other men. They did shameful things with each other, and what has happened to them is punishment for their foolish deeds.

Since these people refused even to think about God, he let their useless minds rule over them. That's why they do all sorts of indecent things."

1. What does the passage say about God's attitude to homosexuality?
2. What is the cause of this behaviour?
3. Is it possible to be a Christian and remain being a practising homosexual? Why?

Divorce

Matthew 19:3-9 *"Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"*

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator `made them male and female,' and said, `For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

4. Write in your own words what was Jesus' answer to the pharisees' question?
5. Does this apply only to "church" or Christian marriages?
6. Why did God allow divorce?
7. Is it okay to divorce someone if you love someone else?
8. Divorce is an easy way to solve marriage problems, but how should marriage problems be solved?

Eye Problems

Matthew 6:22-23 *"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"*

9. What does Jesus say about our eyes?
10. How does this passage deal with those who claim that we watch, does not influence how we think or act?
11. How are you exercising wisdom in what you watch on TV or read, or films you see?