

Love Does Lifestyle

## How To Divorce Proof Your Marriage

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***“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us...” Eph. 5:1-2***

### **The way it used to be....**

*“It has been said, “Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce”. Mt. 5:31*

*“Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard.” Mt. 19:8*

School of Shammai: Only cause for divorce would be unfaithfulness

School of Hillel: Wide interpretation. Cause for divorce could be anything displeasing to the man.

### **The Love Does way....**

*“But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to commit adultery, and anyone who marries a woman so divorced commits adultery.” Mt. 5:32*

#### **1. Start out God’s way.**

*“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness.... What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?” 2 Cor. 6:14-15 (also vs 16-18)*

#### **2. Determine that divorce is not an option.**

*“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.” Mt. 19:4-6*

The Circle of Relationship

3. Keep yourself **spiritually healthy**

*“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord...Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...” Eph. 5:22, 25 (see vs 22-33)*

4. Learn to speak their **love language**

*“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.” Mt. 7:12*

“The Five Love Languages” Gary Chapman

- **Words of affirmation**
- **Quality time**
- **Gift giving**
- **Acts of service**
- **Physical touch**

*“In everything do to others what they would really like you to do.” – The Platinum Rule*