



# Families In Focus

## “Divorce & Remarriage”

Introduction: 1. Never has there been a time in the history of our society when divorce was

so common place.

2. People have lost their head over this subject matter. As we begin, allow me to say this: Divorce is an emotional issue. But let us not allow our emotions to cloud our vision regarding what God had said on this subject.
3. This lesson outlines what Jesus taught, and how we should respond to the divorced.

### I. What Jesus Taught About Divorce And Remarriage

- A. (Matthew 19:1-12).
- B. The Pharisees were trying (testing) Jesus (19:3).
- C. God’s original plan
  1. Marriage is constituted by male and female.
  2. Their relationship is intended by God to last for life.
- D. Alteration of God's original plan
  1. During the Old Covenant, divorce was permitted.
  2. The reason: the hardness of their hearts.
  3. It was never God’s ideal — “from the beginning it was not so.”
- E. Christ’s teaching on marriage and divorce (19:9)
  1. Whoever puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery.
  2. “Commits”-present tense meaning “keeps on committing adultery”.
  3. One exception (fornication) sexual immorality.
- F. The disciples response (19:10).
- G. Jesus' response to the disciples statement (19:11-12).

### II. How Should We Respond To The Divorced

- A. Confront and correct in the spirit of love (Galatians 6:1).
- B. Be compassionate (1 Peter 3:8).
- C. Don’t desert the divorced (Philippians 2:4).
- D. Pray for the divorced (1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Peter 3:12).

Conclusion: 1. The teachings of Christ on this vital issue are not really that difficult at all.

2. The difficulty resides primarily in the hearts of those who are attempting to circumvent God's will on this subject.
3. (Hebrews 13:4) Marriage is honorable among all and the bed undefiled; but adulterers and fornicators, God will judge.
4. How do we solve the divorce dilemma?
  - a. Confirm ourselves to this statement, “Thy will be done on earth

