



BUILDING
STRONG HOMES



LESSON #14

SHOULD CHRISTIANS MARRY NON-CHRISTIANS?

It is never God's will
for a Christian to
marry a non-Christian.

#1 MARRYING OR DATING AN UNBELIEVER **DESTROYS GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**

A. Marrying/dating an unbeliever is a sin because it breaks God's purpose for His people

1. You broke the covenant (Malachi 2:10)

2. You desecrated the sanctuary (Malachi 2:11)



“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Beliel, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”

2 Corinthians 2:14-16a

“A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 7:39

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1. Sin always causes damage

2. Holiness brings great joy



“If you don’t want to go to
Minneapolis, don’t get on the
train.”

-Anonymous

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#2 MARRYING OR DATING AN UNBELIEVER **DEFILES GOD'S DESIGN FOR FELLOWSHIP**

A. Marring an unbeliever defiles God's covenant family



The Jews had a saying, “He that marries a heathen woman is as if he made himself son-in-law to an idol.”

Cited by E.B. Pusey, *The Minor Prophets* [Baker],
p. 482 in *Barnes' Notes*

“No man can serve two masters.”

Matthew 6:24

“A little leaven leavens the
whole lump.”

1 Corinthians 5:6

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To marry a non-believer is like two artists trying to paint two different pictures on the same canvas.

To marry a non-believer is like a partnership where one person is trying to sing one song, and the other is trying to sing an entirely different song.

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