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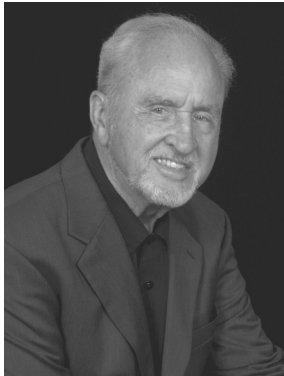
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# Heartbeat

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## Edited Response Letters from Outlook

1. May God bless you for your You Tube channel on marriage, divorce & remarriage! The Church is so desperately in need of discipline in this area! I am sure you fall under great scrutiny, so I just wanted to say how much I appreciate your boldness for Christ. Thank you!!! K.D.

2. Hello, I first heard of Joseph Webb and his materials via the late Mike Gorrie. I have read both of Dr. Webb's books and given copies of "Till Death Do Us Part?" to several people these past few years, including my sister, whose mind was influenced by that book to the extent that she reconciled with her covenant husband about 12 years ago, after they were apart from each other for about 18 years.

I intend to order more copies of that book soon, reread it and give more copies away to others. Pray for my marriage reconciliation!  
Kind regards T.M.

### 3. Dear Dr. Webb

I have recently been studying the 7th commandment and have been truly enlightened by God's word as to what the truth is concerning this subject. I appreciate the videos you have on your website which have been a tremendous blessing as well. This is definitely one of those hard sayings from God's word, but the implications of not heeding this truth are even more devastating. The Lord is using you in a mighty way to restore the marriage institution...I can see how the Lord has truly blessed your studies regarding the 7th commandment... I also appreciate your understanding of history as it relates to how the 7th commandment was changed.

Blessings J.

## Thought For The Day

Martin Luther King once said: "God creates everything out of nothing. Therefore, until we become nothing, God cannot make anything out of us."

# Questions

# Answers

For years now I have been inundated with one redundant question: "Where can I find a good church that teaches this truth?" All the pastors vehemently disagree with the marriage covenant message and say it would devastate their churches. If they were to teach what we are teaching they would lose their crowd.

## RESPONSE:

Many of you have sought out a home church and received the right hand of fellowship UNTIL you stated you believe marriage is a covenant for LIFE! Then you instantly received the LEFT FOOT OF FELLOWSHIP.

One brother visited a church for the first time and sat in the adult Sunday School class where the subject for the week was concerning John the Baptist. As the class proceeded this brother asked only one question: "Why was John the Baptist beheaded?" The teacher immediately nodded to an usher at the door and this brother was immediately escorted out of the class and told not to return.

Being a newer Christian, he called and ask me what he did wrong. He did nothing wrong, but he took the bandage off a growing cancer in our churches no one wants to talk about.

Maybe it is time to investigate the root cause of this present-day catastrophic pandemic in today's churches. The ROOT cause of today's moral decent is rooted in doctrinal corruption concerning biblical covenant marriage and present day leadership debilitation.

Before we look at today's condition concerning marriage we should go back in history and remember that for the first 1500 years of Church history, there was only ONE POSITION concerning the permanence of marriage in the universal church. Without exception, ALL our early Church

fathers agreed marriage was FOR LIFE: PERIOD. There was no other position!

Before the Reformation began, Erasmus introduced the Exception Theory, through humanistic rationalism. The Protestants picked it up and carried it on while the Roman Church spoke 13 curses over Erasmus' grave and scattered his bones across the countryside for teaching heresy.

Erasmus's imprint made a deep change in the Reformation. Martin Luther, who was impacted by the new view of marriage and divorce stated: "The Church has nothing to do with marriage and divorce. That decision is the responsibility of the magistrates of our government. They determine which relationships are valid or invalid." This heresy invaded the reformation movement in their desire to be "different" from the Roman Church.

The present-day situation did not catch on significantly in the Protestant churches right away, but before long the Roman Churches introduced "Annulment."

Note: One sister in Texas, joined the Catholic church and married a Catholic man in the Roman Church so no one could say it was invalid. After four children, her husband decided he wanted an annulment. When he appealed to the church, they told him they would speak with his wife, but felt an annulment was possible.

When this sister met with the church leaders she said: "If you approve of this annulment you will be calling all four of my children bastards: which they are not. I have never been unfaithful to my husband and have been faithful to my commitment to the Church. If you insist on proceeding with this, I will APPEAL DIRECTLY TO THE POPE!"

When she left the meeting one priest accompanied her out and told her how thankful he was for



her firmness because that committee she had just spoken with had approved 87% of the requests for annulment with no scriptural grounds in the past few months.

Today, this sister is a warrior for this message and has an incredible gift of writing. She counts it a privilege to stand up for God's eternal word.

When I attended Bible College in the 50's, we were taught the Word of God was totally inspired and without error, down to the punctuation. Intellectualism was looked down on as liberal theology. After I graduated from Bible College, three years later I attended a seminary that to me was liberal and I found I had to evaluate everything I heard, because much was based on reasoning and not "Thus saith the Lord."

After I left that seminary, where I watched many young men come in on fire for the Lord, only to become dead, dry and uninspiring after a year of human reasonings. I, later, heard my Alma Mater had hired several professors from that same seminary to teach at the Bible College to give it more accreditation status. At the time I attended the seminary, I had already acquired a BA in Theology, and was told while attending the seminary, I was not even close to being qualified to teach any of the book of Revelation.

When I heard that, I thought how much Jesus needed to attend that school, because He was deceived enough to teach: "*Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.*" Question? Does that mean we should remove the book of Revelation from the inspired text, because we wouldn't dare read it to our children? Based upon what I was told at that seminary, over 90% of the pastors in pulpits today would have to stay away from the book of Revelation. Thus, we have the elite class, seminary teachers, who look down upon the common person in the pulpit and in the body of Christ as being totally unqualified to authoritatively lead their flocks in a meaningful study of scripture.

Using this same technique, many church members are told not to question their church leadership, and take what they teach as fact, and submit. Actually, Christ is our Chief Shepherd, and

we are to follow Him! Sometimes the two paths are not synonymous. Pray for wisdom!

Maybe it is time to do the unthinkable; evaluate the quality and purity of the lives of our present day church leadership by applying the clear teachings of God's eternal, unchanging standard for all Christian conduct, and see if their lives align with God's requirements; (not suggestions) for Christian leadership: (Pastor, Asst. Pastor; Minister of music, Youth pastors, Deacons and Elders.)

In **1 Timothy 3: 1-13**, none of the Biblical standards set forth by the Apostle Paul; who got his information directly from Jesus Christ, by divine revelation; none of it emphasizes the importance of intellectualism, but rather; purity of life and total commitment only to Christ.

When Jesus chose disciples, He didn't go to the Jewish schools of higher learning for intellectual recruits, but rather chose fishermen, medical doctors and tax collectors. These same men, after the resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit were described not as intellectuals, but that "*they could tell they had been with Jesus.*" **Acts 3: 13.**

When Paul was teaching and admonishing Timothy as to the requirements of any who would desire to be in a place of leadership in the early church, he laid down a strict job description; some REQUIREMENTS; NOT SUGGESTIONS. These requirements were the divine standards by which all leadership should be chosen to do the work of the ministry. These requirements were not ecclesiastical or denominational, but direct divine standards to know if anyone is spiritually qualified to be in a position of leadership in His church.

Jesus Christ said: "*I say NOTHING but what the Father tells me to say and exactly how to say it.*" Paul received his information directly from Jesus Christ, that was so complete, later on Paul said *he*, "*went to Jerusalem to meet with the disciples and they added NOTHING to him.*" **Gal.2:6.**

Later on it was this same Paul who rebuked the apostle Peter for showing favor to the Jews while shunning the Gentiles. Paul was instruct-

ing Peter! It was this same Paul who listed the requirements for Christian leadership, which is tragically being ignored by most churches today.

Let's examine these authoritative, unchanging, still in effect requirements, so we can compare them to the average church's doctrinal statements concerning leadership offices today.

1. In **I Corinthians 4:2**, Paul said "It is **REQUIRED** (definition: mandatory; unchangeable) of a steward, that he be found **FAITHFUL**." In **I Timothy 3:2**, Paul stated; A bishop must (Not should or ought to be, or it would be nice if he were: but: He MUST be BLAMELESS: Known by others to be upright and honest.

2. "The husband of **ONE WIFE**:" (Not the wife of one husband.) Not one at a time, because marriage is a type of God the Father and his relationship to His wife, Israel; and of Christ and His Church. If any leader has divorced and thinks he has married another, he is a **LIAR** because he **VOWED** to God to be one flesh with his first partner "TILL DEATH." For **BETTER** or for **WORSE**, for **richer** or for **poorer**; in **sickness** and in **health**, **SO LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE**." (In reality, they actually gave title of their body to the other partner.)

**I Cor. 7:1-5.**

Consequently, when they repeated the same vow to the second person, God could not acknowledge it because they no longer had title to their own body and had **NOTHING** to give to the second partner, because they had already given it away, and it was no longer theirs to give to another, until the death of their covenant partner. If God ever acknowledged the second vows, He would violate His own holiness, righteousness, and justice. This is why He said: **Num. 23:19** "God is not a man that He should lie!" The God of covenants would never join into something that was a lie, enacted during a state of rebellion!

**REMEMBER:** A **VOW** is a **SOLEMN** promise to God. Scripture is clear about this three times in the Old Testament and at least once in the New Testament. **Prov. 18:21** tells us; "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

**I encourage you to re-read:**

**Numbers 30:2-4;** "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; {meaning: if a man promises God he will do or will not do something}: he shall not break his word, he **SHALL** do according to **ALL** that proceedeth out of his mouth.

If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth; and her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

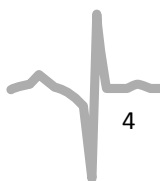
**Deut. 23:21-23:** When thou shalt vow a bow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee: and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth."

**Ecclesiastes 5:4-7:** When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin: neither say thou before the angel, that it was **AN ERROR**; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and **DESTROY THE WORK OF THINE HANDS**?... but fear thou God."

**NOTE:** God will forgive sin, but He Will not change a **COVENANT**. To violate this covenant disqualifies you from the task you have been given, unless you repent. (Admit it and quit it.)

You can read the longer list of leadership qualifications for yourself: "Vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not given to covetousness; One that ruleth his own house, having his children in **SUBJECTION** with all gravity; (who obey quickly and quietly.)" (How is your pastor or bishop doing in this list?) If you confront them with this list, they will call it "legalism." God calls it holiness!

**Vs 5;** A reasonable explanation for this high standard: "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, **HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF God?** "



**Vs. 6;** *“Not a novice.”= Someone who is spiritually immature.*

**Vs. 7;** *“He MUST have a good report of those WHICH ARE WITHOUT (people in the community;) lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”*

*“sober: prudent, vigilant, sound minded.”*

Please remember; these are not SUGGESTIONS! They are UNCHANGEABLE REQUIREMENTS for the office of a Christian leader.

Paul, who taught this truth said to the Church of Corinth: **I Cor. 11:1;** said *“Be ye followers of me, EVEN AS I am also a follower of CHRIST.”* Paul was saying it is safe for you to follow me as long as I follow Christ; BUT if I ever quit following Christ, QUIT FOLLOWING ME.” I will be disqualified to be a leader.

Who are you following? This is a very important question to answer, because it will affect you and your children, and your children’s Children. Please remember; these are not SUGGESTIONS! They are UNCHANGEABLE REQUIREMENTS for the office of a Christian leader.

### **WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?**

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**Matthew 18:20;** *“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”* This Is exactly why we at CPR Ministries have made hundreds of bible teachings available to you. (If anyone of you have heeded this invitation and profited from it, I would appreciate it if you would write us a short note to share with others, that they might be encouraged to join you.)

One precious brother who almost married a divorcee, heard the covenant marriage message; broke off the unscriptural relationship; attended several churches who gave him the left foot of fellowship when they realized he believed in the permanence of marriage. Finally, he ordered all the teachings available from CPR and told me later: “I come home to my ranch from work, eat supper, leave the TV off and put one of your teaching CD’s in my player; and open my bible and study God’s word till I go to bed.” This same brother is now witnessing what he has been learning with others in his area and prays daily for a great revival.

I encouraged him to continue to do this until he can find a qualified man of God to follow in his area. If we ignore this present-day problem in our churches, we will become what is described in the New Testament as; **Matt. 15:14,** *“If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into a ditch.”* May God give us wisdom to walk in the light in these dark days. Again I ask; who are you following? Watch out for the ditches!

## **Quotes by**

Leonard Ravenhill: Evangelist 1907-1994

1. “I think hell had a holiday when Paul the apostle died.”
2. “Many church attenders today fear a Russian or Chinese invasion: we fear a financial breakdown, but we don’t fear God! I want that HOLY FEAR!”
3. “If we are poor materially, mostly it’s because we have to be. If we are spiritually poor, it’s because we WANT to be.”
4. “A man came into my office from another nation and he dropped this in my ear, “Christianity began in Palestine and it became a religion; it was transferred to Greece and it became a philosophy; it was transferred to Europe—to England—it became a cult; and it was transferred to America (and) it became big business.”
5. “I think one of the serious breakdowns in modern evangelism is this: it has offered too much for too little. What we do mostly is offer people forgiveness. We need cleansing! There is NO TRUE CONVERSION until a man takes up his cross.

# UPDATE

## FROM DR. JOE & PAT WEBB

Like most of you Pat and I have been incarcerated now for over six months. Thankfully, the Lord has allowed much of our outreach to move from travelling broadly to counselling worldwide by phone and computer. We are toying with the possibility of going VIRTUAL with a counselling and testifying session to encourage many who are learning to trust the Lord in difficult situations. At our age, this will be a new experience. I have always said: "Whoever invented this computer is going to get special torment in hell." That sentiment comes from an unwillingness to change with the times. I cannot think of anything more frustrating than talking to a computer on my phone. I want to speak with a person! I am constantly saying; "REPRESENTATIVE PLEASE; REPRESENTATIVE PLEASE."

Another change we are now experiencing is getting phone calls from around the world at all times of the day and night. One night at 2:30AM my phone rang. When I answered it, the person said; "I hope I didn't get you out of bed."

I answered: "No problem at all, I had to get out of bed to answer the phone anyway." I don't think that registered with them because they went right on and we spent an hour teaching biblical principles that applied to their situation, and they submitted to God's word, to obey Him, regardless of the cost.

I am truly grateful to the Lord because He has not put me on a shelf yet. You will remember how

I have said for many years I wanted to chew on the enemy until I lost all of my teeth, and then I would continue to gum him till I die." I thank the Lord for all of you, for allowing me to continue to reach out with this message more every year. YOU make it possible; I am just a vessel available to carry His unsearchable truths! So many of you have become lights and salt in your sphere of influence and are a constant encouragement to us.

If you are reading this newsletter and we haven't heard from you in months or maybe years; would you write to us and let us know you are still praying for us? We really miss not hearing from you. The same need to declare this truth is with us today as it was when you once regularly supported our efforts. I pray you will be led by the Lord to join us again.

To those who do write and support us every month, we thank the Lord for you and thank you for being obedient to the leading of the Spirit of God, to hold up our arms as we do battle. Please agree with us for the Lord to raise up many more who will join with us to expand this ministry to a much larger audience. There are many possibilities, but we will not go beyond our budget. We believe the Lord can put a burden on the hearts of many others to make our outreach grow exponentially in the days ahead. Please pray with us about this!

Drs. Joe & Pat Webb  
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**In every thing give thanks:  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus concerning you.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

## \* \* \* SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT \* \* \*

Recently, I have had opportunity to reconnect with an old friend some of you might remember; Bill Gothard. Many of you will remember his Basic Life Conflicts conferences all over the world. His conferences, back in the 70's and 80's helped me in my younger days of ministry and helped my children to learn basic biblical principles to succeed in their Christian walk.

I spoke with Bill and found his ministry has expanded exponentially through the years. Although he was dragged through six-and one-half years of trials and accusations, he was recently totally exonerated by the courts, and the accusers have been punished. He is now putting everything back in order and is ready to move ahead as before.

While speaking with him, I was excited to find out Bill's ministry has established the largest Christian University in the world, in Florida. The school is Embassy University. This FULLY ACCREDITED school is offering Basic Biblical Principles, offering up to two doctorates; and anyone can enroll FREE! I would encourage all of you to look at his website and see if it is something that would be edifying to you in any way.

Many of you know that in the many years of my ministry I have taught and preached in 39 different denominations and have seen thousands declare Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In many of those denominations they had many different opinions concerning theological positions from mine. Many wanted me to join their group and promised if I would, they would support my ministry.

I always told them to keep their many various doctrinal differences and I would preach Christ and Him crucified and risen wherever the Lord opens the door. I remember one evangelist who had a worldwide impact for Christ who said, "If I have to, and have an opportunity to, I will go into a bar to preach Christ."

Remember: In the Old Testament, if someone who was clean touched something that was unclean, the clean became unclean. In the New Testament, when Jesus, who was clean, touched something or someone who was unclean; THE UNCLEAN BECAME CLEAN!

I read in the New Testament our Lord was called a winebibber and one who mingled with the defiled. This is why Jesus said; I didn't come for the righteous, but for the unrighteous; the SINNERS." May He give us a heart for the lost world and may He help us to keep our garments clean and our lanterns bright. If our goal is to reach the lost and not just try to get everyone straightened out, let's remember, the Holy Spirit can do a better job at that than we can. Let's find them where they are and be light and salt to them; not critical, nit pickers. Let the Holy Spirit cause them to see Jesus Christ's love manifested in you. Remember; "light and salt;" NOT vinegar!

I still remember when the church I was pastoring went to a Basic Youth Conflicts conference, they came back blessed and better from it. If you would be interested in learning about this opportunity for spiritual growth, you can go to: [embassy.university.com](http://embassy.university.com). and see if you can find anything in it that might edify you.

The disciples came to Jesus and said there were others preaching about Him, and He should stop them. Jesus said: "*If there not against us, they're for us.*"

All of us still have SOME truth, but none of have ALL truth yet. May I encourage you to pray for Bill Gothard as he has many important decisions to make in the days ahead.

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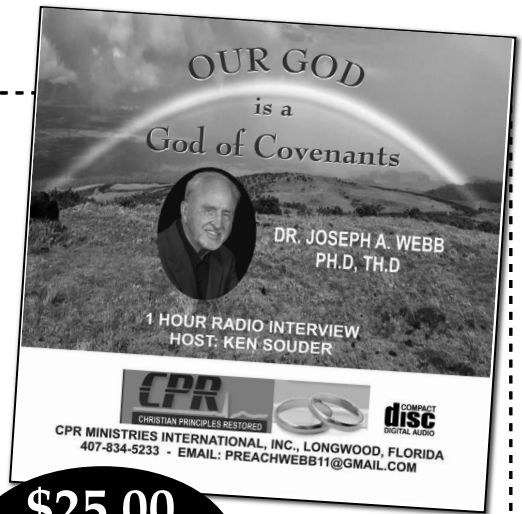
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