

## Bible Study Topic:

### Marriage to One Who Does Not Share Your Faith

- II Corinthians 6:14** God forbids marriage with an unbeliever, because He wants happy homes and happy hearts.
- Deuteronomy 7:3-4** The reason God forbids marriage to an unbeliever is because there is a strong possibility that person will lead you away from God.
- Nehemiah 13:26-27** Even Solomon, who was well-grounded in his religion, and exceedingly smart, was let to betray God by his non-believing wives.
- Ezra 9:2, 12-14** God calls marriage to unbelievers evil, an abomination, and unclean.
- Proverbs 14:12** Don't try to convince yourself that your case is an exception to God's rule.
- John 15:11** God's way will ultimately make you more happy, not less happy. Trust Him!!! That's what being a Christian is all about.
- Ephesians 5:31-33** Your marriage is a symbol of God's marriage to the church. That's how important God considers Christian marriage to be.
- Proverbs 3:5-6** If you can lay all -- your ambitions, desires, and AFFECTIONS -- at Jesus' feet, He will hand them back to you better than ever.
- Psalms 122:1** Would you be glad to go to church alone, without your spouse?
- Joshua 24:15** Prescription for happiness: On your wedding day, you and your spouse pledge to serve the Lord together.

Unless you would have a home where the shadows are never lifted, do not unite yourself with an unbeliever. (adapted from Messages to Young People, p. 440)