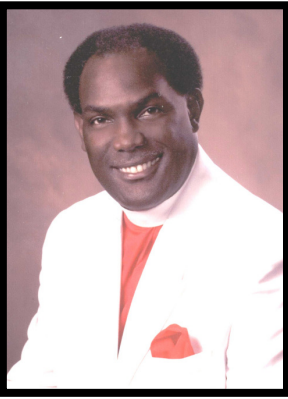


Ask Bishop Dennison



Q. *I am 25 years old and I have been married for about 14 months. I think that I made a grave mistake in marrying my wife. We are not in love and we do not even like each other. We argue all the time and we are both unhappy. I do not want to spend the rest of my life with her and I am pretty sure that she does not want to be with me. What is the right thing to do when you realize that you married the wrong person?*

A. Read Malachi 2:16 and St. Matthew 19:6-9. Marriage is to last until separated by death. Unfortunately, the increasing number of divorces is an indication that all do not last until death. Marriages can go through phases and stages of adjustment and difficulties. Before you come to the conclusion that you have married the wrong person, I suggest that you go boldly before the throne of grace to find God's help in this time of your troubled marriage. I would think that at the time that you were married, you believed that God had joined you together. Refuse to allow the devil to take hold of and destroy your marriage. Through warfare, you and your wife can cast down every spirit of arguing and division. Here are just a few additional suggestions.

1. Seek Godly marital counseling.
2. Apply the principle of honor. This is the number one principle for building relationships.
3. Make the decision to love your spouse. Love is a decision, not a feeling.
4. Ask God to rekindle and restore the passion and desire that will bring joy and excitement in your heart for your mate.
5. Take inventory to make sure that you are not attempting to live a married life with a single mentality.
6. Rid your marriage of all of the things that put a wedge between you and your mate.
7. Embrace those things that brought you much happiness in the past, those things that brought you closer.
8. Become more sensitive to each other's needs and desires.

Here is a prayer that you can pray with your wife. "Father, in the name of Jesus, we come seeking your help for our marriage. We thank you that you have given us power over the demonic attacks coming against our marriage. You said in your Word that whomever you join together, that we should not allow anyone to separate us, and that includes each other. We pray that you will help us to walk in the spirit of unity. We boldly confess that no weapon that is formed against our marriage shall prosper. Our love, our affection, our desires, our passion, will be restored to the day when we fell in love. In Jesus name, Amen.

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