

Hello! This is Dorothy -

A satisfactory married life can be attained when there is harmony in spirit, soul and body. To pursue a marriage for physical reasons only will leave nothing more than an empty feeling of complete isolation in spirit and soul. Marriage from the Lord brings unity in views and purposes of life and if God gives them, the children will grow in this environment of His peace. How sad it is to find that the ego of a believer wants to sometimes get so out of line with the Lord as to flaunt himself or herself by foolish jesting and flirting. Fascination for each other doesn't necessarily mean love. Respect for each other so that we leave the friend more spiritual than when we found him impacts the life of every believer. In **Matthew 5:28** - . . . **whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.** Flirting should be shunned. Where there is no honesty of purpose, there is impurity. A young man who practices flirtation will go as near as possible to the marriage act and leave the girl with guilt and a shame that will haunt her future life. It places her in a position of not really knowing what pure manhood is about and makes her begin to doubt how to respect a noble man.

Avoid the learning of love's art until it is God's appointed time of the wedding. Bring purity to your wedding and rightfully wear the symbol of His purity. Don't fool with dynamite by trying to see what it is all about or else you are going to end up with a wrecked life. A white dress speaks of purity. How many have put on a white dress and fooled themselves! Christians should avoid flirtation. I say it again: it is a violation of Scripture. Those who handle unripe fruit lose the bloom and reap a rotten harvest. Purity lost, as the richest dividends, pours forth the awful dishonoring of our Lord Jesus: the testimony of the Church is stained and our testimony is gone. Don't step over the line into what you will always regret!

2 Corinthians 6:14 says - **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers** . . . For a Christian to marry an unbeliever has well been described as being willing to be joined together for life with one who is a child of the devil, and for the rest of your days you will have Satan for your father-in-law! To stand on a table and try to lift that person up to join you is impossible, but you will see how quickly you can be pulled down to his or her level. A friendship that gives and enriches is good; a friendship that saps is satanic. Normal sexual love enriches the personality; perversion saps and mars it. Many a mental breakdown has been caused by such. I am telling you, dear beloved, if you are a Christian in such a relationship, break today such a friendship. Keep your friendships with the

opposite sex, if you are unmarried, very transparent and open.

1 Corinthians 13:4,5 (love) . . . vaunteth not itself . . . seeketh not her own . . . Trust the Lord completely to know what is best for your life. For some, God will even equip the life for special ministry as in **1 Corinthians 7:7 - . . . every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.** This means that, in God's plan, not everybody has to be married. That is sometimes for particular work, but give the glory to God that you are totally married unto Him. If you are to be married, pray about the marriage more than praying and working out about the dress and the day and the honeymoon and the home. It all has to do with what that marriage means from the moment you make those solemn vows in which , before an Almighty God, you are saying: ***for better or for worse - that means in whatever the times; for richer or for poorer - whatever the circumstances; in sickness or in health - whatever the condition of the other.***

Genesis 2:18 - . . . I will make a help meet for him. Whatever it is about, whatever the future holds, the Lord brings two together that they go through it together and they glorify Jesus. It is Jesus first! I love my husband very, very much; I praise God for him, but I can tell you, loving him is just like a pale reflection of how I feel toward the Lord Jesus. I love my husband through loving the Lord Jesus with all my heart and he gets the benefit of that and he does the same for me!

Philippians 4:8 says - . . . **whatsoever things are pure, think on these things** . . . A new passionate love for the Lord Jesus needs to fill your heart; a new place at Calvary, that His plans and purposes might be unfolded through you: it is not your life and what you think you are going to do and who is going to fill those niches that you need. No. It is Jesus. Jesus only. Submit to Him and, at this moment praise Him that He is your heavenly glory, your heavenly Bridegroom, your All in all, and adore Him.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.