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SEPARATE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 873

aphorizo {af-or-id'-zo}

divide, sever, to mark off from others by boundaries, to limit, to separate, to exclude as disreputable, to appoint, set apart for some purpose

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13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

II CORINTHIANS 6:14

14 Be ye not ***UNEQUALLY** yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

UNEQUALLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2086
heterozugeo {het-er-od-zoog-eh'-o}
to come under an unequal or different yoke, to be unequally yoked; to have fellowship with one who is not an equal:

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E-16.....You know, boys, I'm telling you tonight, and you young ladies, be careful who you marry; you'll have a broken home the first thing you know. And it's not good to--sinners and Christians to marry together. **Don't be unequally yoked together, 'cause that's what got Ahab.** She was pretty little thing, yes, paint all over her face, eyes like a lizard, but she was a... The thing of it was, that...

Did you know what? That's the truth. That's the... Ahab just fell for her, because she was, perhaps, pretty, because he couldn't have fell for her for character, 'cause she was a murderer; she was everything else. That's right. And Ahab fell for her because she was pretty. And then, he got hisself infatuated with her, and then she just ruled him with her finger.

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E-17 Do you know, the wisest man in the Bible outside of Christ died a heathen idolater because of a bunch of pretty women? Solomon. Pulled him away from God. All right.

Don't yoke yourself up unequally. And I've seen many people come to the platform, and be healed, and walk away, and mix up with unbelievers, and their sickness come right back to them again.

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51 And if we would study what we're doing when we're going to get married, when we choose our wife, our husband, if we'd study it over! **A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life.** Remember, the vow is "until death do we part," and he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice. **But if he knows what, he making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault.** If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, then that's your own fault, after you know what's right and wrong. So, you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

Vera Lawlor, from The Bergen Record in Hakensack, NJ., wrote that inter-faith marriages have a failure rate that is 50% higher than same-faith marriages. Since the rate for all marriages is on the order of 50%, this would imply an almost 75% failure rate for inter-faith marriages, 3 chances out of 4.

Esther Perel, an inter-faith marital therapist, referring to Jewish - Christian marriages, wrote in New York Magazine:
"The difference isn't just between Moses and Christ. You're dealing with issues of money, sex, education, child-rearing practices, food, family relationships, styles of emotional expressiveness, issues of autonomy -- all of these are culturally embedded."

According to a new Pew Research Center report on religion and family life. "Adults who were raised in interfaith households say religion was a less prominent feature in their lives when they were growing up, compared with those in **religiously matched families,**" researchers noted.

Pew's survey offers an overview of how the religious make-up of a household impacts family members at a time when more Americans are being raised by parents of different faiths.

Nearly 1 in 3 millennials (27 percent) was raised in a religiously mixed home, compared to 19 percent of baby boomers and 20 percent of Generation X.

1. Interfaith marriages may weaken religious practice
Americans worry more about a couple's shared interests and sexual compatibility than their religious background when it comes to predicting the success of a marriage, Pew reported.

But before getting serious with someone from a different faith background, people should consider how a religiously mixed relationship might affect their own spiritual habits.

Pew's study showed that people in interfaith marriages are less likely to say religion is important in their life, attend worship services regularly, pray frequently and believe in God — all markers of what Pew calls being "highly religious" — than their counterparts in religiously matched marriages.

More than 8 in 10 Protestants (82 percent) married to fellow Protestants are highly religious, compared to 58 percent of Protestants married to non-Protestant believers and 59 percent married to someone unaffiliated with a faith, or nones, Pew reported. There's also a large gap in religiosity between Catholics married to other Catholics (70 percent are highly religious) and Catholics married to nones (46 percent.)

Two-thirds of married adults (67 percent) say they discuss religion "a lot" or "some" with their spouse, Pew reported. The frequency of these discussions falls when comparing religiously matched couples to religiously mixed ones, but around half of believers married to someone in a different denomination

(62 percent) or someone who is religiously unaffiliated (46 percent) still regularly talk about faith.

Additionally, 3 in 10 people with a different faith background than their partner say religion often sparks arguments, Pew reported.

The findings showed that differences in belief do cause tension in some cases, which can affect a family's ability to thrive religiously.

Partners who practice different faiths may struggle to pray together, which relationship experts sometimes suggest couples do in times of conflict, the [Deseret News reported](#) earlier this year.

"When people pray (about tensions in their relationship) they are helped to see their part in the problem. They're helped to see what they can do themselves to make a difference. And they are helped to soften," noted Mark Butler, a professor of marriage and family therapy at Brigham Young University, in the article.

Couples who share an understanding of the role religion plays in their relationship may also be able to handle marital stress better, such as in the wake of an affair. "The couple may believe that God has a mission for their marriage, and perhaps even brought them together," the [Deseret News reported](#) in September.

Even a slightly lower frequency of religious discussions may have big consequences for a couple's children. Pew's study showed that a child's future religious practice depends, at least in part, on whether or not he or she felt their parents cared a lot about their faith.

Religiously mixed households produce unaffiliated kids more often. In general, the new study showed that children raised in religiously mixed households are more likely than their peers in

religiously matched homes to describe themselves as nones when they're adults.

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JOHN 17:15

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

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HEBREWS 13:13

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

HEBREWS 13:14

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

HEBREWS 13:15

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

II TIMOTHY 2:21

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

HEBREWS 7:26

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

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18 ¶ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

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JOHN 17:9

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

JOHN 17:10

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.