

"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house."

Deuteronomy 24:1

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1:27

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

Genesis 2:24

"...and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance."

Deuteronomy 24:2-4

"The Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant."

Malachi 2:14

"'For I hate divorce,' says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'and him who covers his garment with wrong,' says the Lord of hosts."

Malachi 2:16

"But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife."

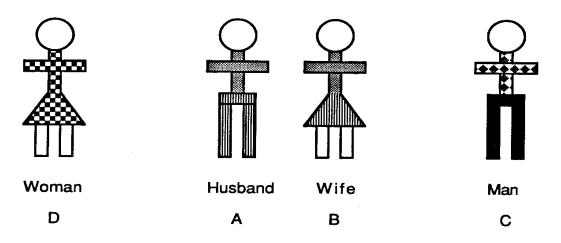
1 Corinthians 7:10-11

"But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy."

1 Corinthians 7:12-14

"Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace. For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?"

1 Corinthians 7:15-16



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"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality (πορνεία) and marries another woman commits adultery (μοιξεία)."

Matthew 19:9

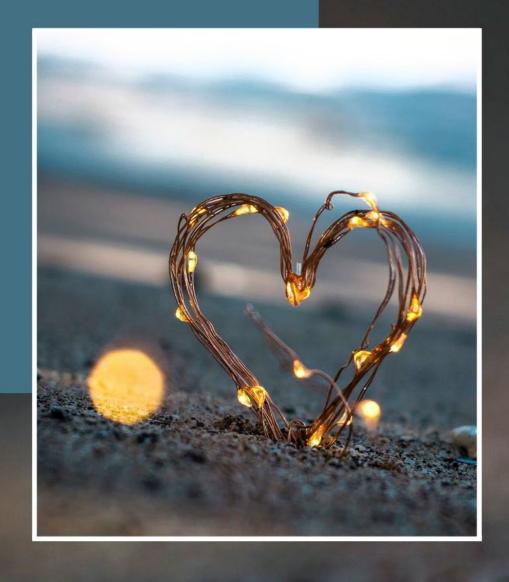
πορνεία - porneia

to sell, offering one's body for a price

prostitution, unchastity, fornication

πορνεία - porneia

- (a) an act of adultery
- (b) unfaithfulness during the period of betrothal (Matt. 1:19)
- (c) marriage between near relatives (Lev. 18:6-18)
- (d) continued promiscuity

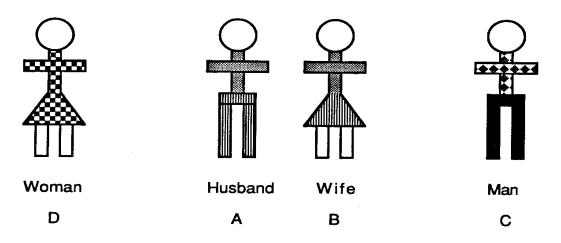


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