

Greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven is Reached on the High Road: Protect Your Passengers

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4. A man who marries a woman who has been divorced because of her sexual immorality, commits adultery by marrying her. Matthew 5:32b In other words, a sexually immoral wife who has been divorced because of her immorality, cannot morally remarry. (Protects marriage)
5. If a husband divorces his sexually moral wife, and marries another woman, he commits adultery. Matthew 19:9 (Protects marriage)
6. If a spouse is sexually immoral, they can be given a certificate of divorce, but they cannot morally remarry. Mark 10:11-12 (Protects marriage)
7. If a spouse divorces their sexually moral spouse, they cannot morally remarry. Mark 10:11-12; Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (Protects marriage)

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