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To: Jim Cross (JimCross@LexcomInc.net); 'Jim Cross'
Subject: Mat 5:24 ignored?

Importance: High

Mr. Cross,

It is my assumption from the short first response to me yesterday and the lack of follow through that in the next few hours you are highly likely to do exactly what I described. You will go to the institutional church, offer your tithe check, and not set it aside and first be reconciled with your brother (Mat 5:24). Perhaps the Lord will bring that to your mind during that time.

I have been very clear that I am a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and attempt, however flawed, to follow in His ways. I yield to the Lord's definition of marriage and not the state's. Therefore, as the Lord commands, and I have repeatedly stated, I have remained faithful, and am committed to remain faithful to Dorothy-Jane alone all the days of my life.

However, it is clear this is not shared by you or her. While I will pursue reconciliation with Dorothy-Jane until I know she has bound herself to another, I must live with the assumption that this is past-tense and I have no hope. Her actions, as reinforced by yours, remains hateful and torturous. My actions in return must be love, mercy, grace, and in obedience to the Lord, the seeking of reconciliation.

You seem to look at the world's ways and pragmatism. Consider what the world sees when a father is abandoned in a family. The children, my children and your grandchildren, are far more likely to deal with issues in their lives that I think we would agree would be unwelcome. Imposing this, especially when the father has been seeking reconciliation, is not a loving act to my kids. A loving father will attempt to protect his kids.

From the perspective of a follower of Christ, I must do what I can to show to my kids the model set before us in the Scripture. I will encourage my kids that love trumps the state. I will make it clear that marriage cannot be terminated by man's decree. That shunning is a cult practice that is based on fear and not trust in the Lord. That love confronts, communicates clearly and unambiguously, listens well, proclaims, but does not impose, is tireless in mercy, and never fails.

I will try to demonstrate this by my attempts to reconcile with my wife, and my father-in-law. It will be my hope that as my kids go through adult life, they will see the model of grace that their dad attempted and follow that model. It remains my hope that they will see a situation where their mom and dad had issues and reconciled. That their grandfather and dad, after a time of difficulty, were willing to contend with each other, both seeking the truth from Scripture and reconciled.

The other model is where their dad, despite the rejection of others, proclaimed boldly and clearly, that grace is being offered to closed ears. That their dad used the Scripture and not the state to describe marriage and lived it. That in years ahead, they can view again the "Naming Names" video and see that at least their dad offered grace and pursued reconciliation. That they had at least one model of love.

Which version of the future do you want? Please remember that our emails will be available to my kids. You want a private conversation, get on the phone with me.

Respectfully,

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Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13