

Addressing Problems in Marriage

I. Introduction

II. *Problem #1*: How to Live With an Unconverted Spouse (read 1 Cor. 7:12-16; 1 Peter 3:1-6)

A. Foundational principles

1. Marry “only in the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:39)

2. Don’t abandon your unconverted partner, unless he or she abandons you
(1 Cor. 7:12-13, 15-16)

3. Persevere for the sake of your spouse and your children (1 Cor. 7:14)

B. Sanctify your home by your godly example, not by nagging words (1 Cor. 7:14; 1 Peter 3:1-6)

1. Are you showing kind and loving actions?

2. Do you show chaste, humble, respectful, submissive, self-denying behavior?

3. Can your spouse see and feel what your faith does for you?

4. Is your faith winsome? Does it point to Christ?

C. Conclusion: Pray often that you may be instrumental to lead your spouse to Christ (1 Cor. 7:16)