

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 10:5
TITLE: "Demolishing Cultural Lies with Biblical Truth" (part 1—Marriage)

First, a backdrop to help us understand all of this. Some important terms:

Christian P _____—
Polemics comes from the Greek word, πόλεμος, (polemos) "war ... a fight, a battle ... a dispute, strife, quarrel" (THAYER).

Definition: "Attacking and exposing f _____" and "Exposing that which lies outside of a Biblical W _____."
→ KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 10:5

Christian A _____—
Apologetics comes from the Greek word ἀπολογία, "verbal defense, speech in defense" (THAYER).

Definition: "Supporting and defending the Faith = Body of Truth" and "Expressing r _____ for support of a Biblical Worldview."

→ KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:15

Lie # 1—Marriage Has E _____!

A. Meaning of the Lie—

1. It is out of date.
2. It is no longer relevant.
3. It is old-fashioned.

B. Power of God's Truth—it tears down f _____ and builds up r _____

***It is a wrecking ball of reality and a building block of truth.

1. God's Institution of Marriage Has NOT Been Removed or Altered.
2. Four Great Witnesses Confirm Its Relevance

a. M _____—Genesis 2:24, declared the marriage principle.

→ NOTE WELL: THE LAW OF FIRST MENTION! Find where a given

topic is first addressed in Scripture and learn what God established concerning it in that context. That will help you to understand the mention of that topic in the rest of Scripture!

b. **The Lord Jesus—Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-8,** affirms the marriage principle in clear terms!

c. **P _____—1 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 5:31,** confirms the marriage principle.
→ 2 Corinthians 11:2-4, Paul shows the plan of virgin being betrothed to a husband.

d. **J _____—Revelation 19:4-9,** pictures the church celebrating at a wedding feast with Christ, in the terms of "the marriage of the Lamb."

Lie # 2—Marriage is U _____!

A. Meaning of the Lie—

1. There are other o _____!
2. Just live together and try it out—see if the two of you are compatible.
3. Don't settle down; date around; be sexually active.

B. Power of God's Truth

1. Commitment is E _____
→ Genesis 2:24—"shall leave ... and be joined"
→ Ephesians 5:22—"Wives submit" = voluntary
→ Ephesians 5:25—"Husbands love ... just as Christ loved" = act of the will to love
→ Hosea 11:4—"I drew them with gentle cords"
→ Deuteronomy 7:6-9—"set His love on you"
2. M _____ demonstrates a commitment
3. "Sexual Freedom," i.e. engaging sexually with whomever, whenever, lacks commitment and creates b _____.

Application: