

The Abuse of Women

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Preface

This book primarily deals with the abuse of women. However it is to be note that abuse of men also occurs.

The principles in this book, while primarily discussing women can also be applied to men.

What is abuse?

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines abuse as:

Abuse

ABU'SE, v.t. s as z. [L. abutor, abusus of ab and utor, to use; Gr. to accustom. See Use.]

1. To use ill; to maltreat; to misuse; to use with bad motives or to wrong purposes; as, to abuse rights or privileges.

They that use this world as not abusing it. 1 Cor 7.

2. To violate; to defile by improper sexual intercourse.

3. To deceive; to impose on.

Nor be with all these tempting words abused.

4. To treat rudely, or with reproachful language; to revile.

He mocked and abused them shamefully.

5. To pervert the meaning of; to misapply; as to abuse words.

ABU'SE, n. Ill use; improper treatment or employment; application to a wrong purpose; as an abuse of our natural powers; an abuse of civil rights, or of religious privileges; abuse of advantages, &c.

Liberty may be endangered by the abuses of liberty, as well as by the abuses of power.

2. A corrupt practice or custom, as the abuses of government.

3. Rude speech; reproachful language addressed to a person; contumely; reviling words.

4. Seduction.

After the abuse he forsook me.

5. Perversion of meaning; improper use or application; as an abuse of words.

In the New Testament it is used and means to misuse

So it can be said that abuse occurs when something is misused. This occurs when God's Love or requirements are not shown in what is being done.

Abuse occurs various ways:

Not doing something you should do

Doing something you should not be doing

Not doing properly what you should be doing.

In all cases God's Law of Love is broken and there is bad stewardship of something.

If you are led by the principles of The Bible or by The Holy Spirit where The Bible is Silent and do all in God's quality of Love then you will not abuse people, animals, or things God has trusted you with whether or not you are a steward of them.

Most importantly you will not abuse your relationship with God and risk losing your salvation.

Introduction

Satan has been abusing women throughout the centuries.

It was through a woman the promised Messiah would come that would defeat him and his works and so he has tried to destroy women to prevent this happening.

He has also done this to stop them running Godly households and training children the way they needed to be trained to follow God as they should,

As well as to stop mature Christian women from training the younger women how to run Godly households.

By this he has prevented the younger generation of women training children as He desires them to be trained as they ignorant of what is required or are too damaged to do so from abuse received in the home where God's quality of Love was not shown correctly.

One of the reasons this chapter was written(I was told by The Holy Spirit just before I finished it) was to free the 40-60 year old women who should be training the generation after them but who are too damaged to do so.

By this age period, women have raised their children and are now ready to teach the younger women how to run their families as well as help any young mothers to do this. This is why the support of a mother is so important to their daughter as they also learn to become mothers and run households.

Unfortunately many mothers are too damaged or untrained by their mothers to do this and are not able to do this as they should. Deliverance will free them to do this and, along with how to run a household and raise children, they will teach spiritual warfare and deliverance to their daughters.

It is to be remember that any Christian you abuse is an adopted child of The Father so you are abusing a step-sister and a Citizen of The kingdom of God, You affect the Love of The Fatgher and the Rule of Jesus. Not a good thing to do.

Abuse of Men

Men are also abused but this is rarer than women being abused which is why I concentrate on the abuse of women. But what is said here about abuse usually also applies to men.

This abuse of men can occur in childhood but more often in a relationship, especially in marriage where a damaged woman can only survive as a person and be secure in a relationship if she controls

the husband. This is her way of protecting all the pain she has from former abuse and of preventing herself being hurt even more.

Even if there is no abuse to protect herself from she will still try to control because of the fear of being abused and/or hurt.

The hurt woman retains her control (protecting herself), usurping domestic headship and not being able to submit domestically to her husband until she is delivered from the demons oppressing her. She will retain this control at any cost and usually the cost is the relationship which is why so many people are divorced.

It is obvious the woman (and usually her partner/husband also) needs deliverance and when deliverance occurs the relationship usually becomes as God desires it to be and the marriage will be as God wants it to be.

How does God desire women treated?

Before you can define abuse you need a standard to measure it against. The standard we use is that which God sets. It is how He desires women to be treated. So you must treat women this way or be in rebellion (sin) against Him.

Women are spiritually equal to men.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Maleness and femaleness are not important in the spiritual. They are only important for the roles on earth that God has designed a male or female fulfil. So anyone treating a woman as spiritually inferior is going against God's Will. This is different to teaching a female so she will mature as a Christian.

Men and women have different God-given roles so God has given them different abilities and strengths in their character and it is only as a couple is the true Character of God fully shown.

How are we to love women?

Joh 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

There is no escape clause to say you can avoid doing this. If you love Jesus and people as He loves them then you will love them with the same quality of love that He Loves them with. Not to do so is sin!

Sin is falling short of God's requirement (moral or legal) in some way. All sin has at its core a lack of love to the person sinned against.

The fruit of The Holy Spirit should also be expressed in all your relationships, especially to your spouse. However, all people are to be treated equally in the expression of this fruit. The only difference being how you physically are allowed to express this love. A wife can have sex with her husband and no one else. We hug our family and close members but not strangers, but we still show God's quality of Love toward them.

We may not like what they do but we are to love them like The Father loves them.

Wives are to be treated as helpmeets

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

Note: the Bible phrases it this way a help // meet for him.

Easton's dictionary defines it as follows

Help-meet

(Heb. 'ezer ke-negdo; i.e., "a help as his counterpart" = a help suitable to him), a wife (Gen_2:18-20).

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines meet as follows

Meet

MEET, a. [L. convenio.] Fit; suitable; proper; qualified; convenient; adapted, as to a use or purpose.

In other words God made some one suitable to be a partner for Adam with all the spiritual, emotional and physical qualifications Adam needed in a partner. Abuse stops a woman meeting her full potential as an helpmeet for her husband. This abuse is usually in childhood but can occur in the marriage.

John Gill comments as follows:

I will made him an help meet for him; one to help him in all the affairs of life, not only for the propagation of his species, but to provide things useful and comfortable for him; to dress his food, and take care of the affairs of the family; one "like himself" (c), in nature, temper, and disposition, in form and shape; or one "as before him" (d), that would be pleasing to his sight, and with whom he might delightfully converse, and be in all respects agreeable to him, and entirely answerable to his case and circumstances, his wants and wishes (or in modern English - someone he will delight to be with and relate to and who will meet his needs out of love for him and not fear).

Note: One to help him and not a slave. A partner/companion in all he does and delights in doing, one thing of which will be showing God's quality of Love to her because she shows it to him.

It is a partnership and not a dictatorship. The moment it becomes a dictatorship with one controlling the other the person controlled is no longer a help meet but a servant or even slave.

The help meet works in areas that the man does not have time to do. While the man works, the help meet can do things needed to be done in the home. The role of help meet is not one of servitude to the man but of complimenting him, doing the things he has no time for while he does what is needed to support and protect her.

It is a relationship of spiritual equals, subordinating to each other to meet the needs of the other because of their love for them.

The issue of headship does not arise because they both listen to The Holy Spirit and when there is a disagreement they ask The Holy Spirit what to do and then do it.

A helper is an equal but subordinates themselves for the purposes of serving another. A slave is not an equal and has no rights.

Why do men treat women as being inferior?

They do not understand how God wants them to treat women

They are insecure or have low self-esteem so treat women as being inferior to them to feel secure or feel better.

Demons control them and oppress women through them

These men get their esteem from what people say about them and their security from possessions or from what they control. So by treating women as inferior or as property they are secure and feel better about themselves as they make the women appear inferior so they will feel superior.

Their security and self-esteem is not found in whom they are in Jesus. These people need deliverance as do the women they have subordinated incorrectly.

Often an abused woman will stay in a relationship because she has so little self-esteem or worth that she believes she can do no better for a partner/husband/boyfriend. There also often appears no way to escape the situation she is in.

Headship and women (1 Pet 2:25-3:6)

Headship is not spiritual. Jesus is the bishop (head) of our souls. Headship only exists in marriage for the purposes of forming a visible head in the home (domestic) and even then if The Holy Spirit is leading Jesus will be the head of the house and human headship is not necessary.

In 1 Pet 3:1-6, a Christian woman (belonging to The Kingdom of God) is told to submit to a non-Christian husband (belonging to the Kingdom of Satan).

If the submission is spiritual the Christian woman would have to submit to Satan (the head of her husband). This would be ludicrous as Jesus died to free her from Satan's control.

Headship cannot be spiritual or it would make mockery of what Jesus did. Headship can only be domestic.

So anyone who is not treating a woman:

As spiritual equal for the purposes of ministry

Loving them as Jesus Love's them

Not treating a wife as a help meet

Applying spiritual headship principles, usurping the place of Jesus or not applying domestic headship principles correctly

Is sinning in the eyes of God and if this is done knowingly and not repented of will lose you your salvation.

The abuser

Note: this booklet discusses long term abuse. The effects of short term violent abuse like rape or bashing, often caused by non-family members, also causes many of the problems mentioned that follow and the person will also need deliverance to be freed from the effects of the demons that came in during the violence of the act.

The abuser usually is either one or both parents, a close relative or partner/husband. It is someone close to the person being abused and sometimes may be an uncle or aunt.

Most of what follows also applies to men as well as women but as this chapter is to do with women it is assumed the abuser is a man as this is the usual case. So what is said for men applies to women as abusers and what is said to abused women applies to abused men.

The abuser normally has a very insecure and low opinion of themselves. His self-esteem and/or self-worth is very poor and they need to keep others under their control or in bondage in order to feel secure and/or superior and worthwhile as a person. Abuse usually goes down through the generations of a family (as a cycle of abuse). Family members grow up in the abusive situation and come to consider the abuse as the normal way to live and so raise their children in the same way, with the same abuse. The abused individual does not realise the abuse for what it is, as they have grown up with it.

Deliverance of the abused person breaks the abuse cycle, so future generations do not suffer as they have suffered and consider it the normal way to live. This deliverance is especially important for parents with young children to ensure that the children are not abused by the parents so that they don't suffer as the parents did, become damaged and as a result, end up abusing their own children.

The lower the self-worth/esteem/value of the person (in their own eyes) the more: defensive, legalistic, controlling and perfectionistic the abuser becomes. This control of others allows them to believe that other people are greater failures or more inferior than they are so they feel better about themselves because these other people can rarely or never achieve the standards the abuser expects of them. The more insecure and fearful they are, the more controlling they become of their environment as they have security in their control and not in Jesus. Pride is another manifestation of this low self-worth.

In later stages they may withdraw from relationships and become 'loners' unable to relate or show love to people and often resulting in poor attitudes and relationships to others.

The abuser may be a complete failure as a person, but is deceived by demons into thinking they are wonderful and superior to everyone else.

Satan has to convince the abused person to accept the abuse. This is done through fear of what will happen to them if the abuse is not accepted. This fear and/or shock of the abuse allows demons to enter them also.

Satan also needs to convince the abused that God does not love them or will not help them so that they cannot go to him for help but must rely on their own reasonings which the demons guide and/or control.

They will have little desire to tell others about Jesus but may do this because they get self-esteem from the praise of the church for doing this. It is not from love of others they do this as they do it only for purposes of self-esteem and acceptance in a church and God has difficulty blessing them so

their work for The kingdom of God will reap little reward in heaven (being done for the wrong reasons). In fact most of their ministry is done for the purposes of self-esteem as often is most of what they do for others in their relationships to others.

They are strong on keeping appearances but weak on loving people for who they actually are.

The whole reason for abuse is Satan trying to stop you realising God's Love towards you and how much you can be used by God. If you do not realise God's Love for you, then you will not be a threat to Satan or live a joy-filled life in a correct, vital relationship with Jesus, The Father, The Holy Spirit and others and by this demonstrate the superiority of The Kingdom of God over what Satan offers.

Abuse drives away love. People shut down inside and don't know how to let anyone in past the walls they have created, as the last person they let in hurt them very much and usually it is someone they love so the hurt is greater.

Some women can actually have a hardened-heart their pain being so great that their heart is an impenetrable, calloused shell can only be broken by Jesus. Once the shell is broken, underneath it is very soft, very hurt, very weak, loving person. That's why the shell was put up in the first place, to cover and protect the wound instead of healing it. Exposing the wound again will hurt twice because of this. These women have to be handled gently with uncompromising, non-critical love. Deliverance removes the hurt, the shell and the pain in a painless way.

Relationships require risk and trust. How to trust again is a big issue. How to let a person close enough to break through the shell around the heart is difficult to work out at times, but Jesus can do it.

Six Types of Abuse

In reality, abuse is usually a combination of some of the following six types in different combinations. It is always more than one type. The effects of abuse are also complex and are usually never just one reaction but a mixture of reactions and coping mechanisms.

Emotional/verbal Abuse

Verbal abuse is emotional in nature. The abuser attaches conditions to giving love and acceptance to get praise or appreciation so that it becomes necessary for the abused person to work at a certain level or do certain things to 'please' the abuser. It is usually almost impossible to please the abuser. This leads to legalism, loneliness, low self-worth, perfectionism and similar traits. There is seldom praise and the normal feedback is usually derogatory to the person and does not usually reflect the abused's abilities.

Love withheld

Acceptance withheld

Worth withheld

Abilities suppressed

Emotional prison around the person

Depression a way of life

Mental Abuse

The person's intelligence and/or abilities are criticized so they are made to feel inferior and not normal or mentally adequate. This can lead to personality type disorders as well as low self-image.

Negative comments on intelligence and abilities

Negative comments on sanity

Negative comments on their identity (personality)

Negative comments on their worth as a person

Negative comments on their usefulness to people

Physical Abuse

The abuser uses force to control. This can lead to fear of authority, mental problems, low self-worth and an incorrect appreciation of authority figures: police, employers, husband, God etcetera. Rape and molestation are normally both physical and emotional abuse combined. Physical abuse can also be because of beatings that were received for no valid or reasonable reason.

Deprivation of necessities

Violence

Rough handling

Threats of Violence

Fear of being in the presence of the abuser

Obey or be punished

Sexual Abuse

The abuser uses sex to satisfy his lusts or believes submission = love and worth. This abuse leads to fear of authority (often step or real father, uncle, brother or grandfather are involved in childhood molestation) so that the abused person's image of The Father in heaven is marred. All abuse does this in some way but sexual abuse involves more areas of abuse than most and seems to make this fear stronger than in other lesser types of abuses.

Sexual abuse violates a person in a way no other abuse does and takes many forms:

Rape

Incest with a trusting child who does not know better

A boyfriend persuading his girlfriend to have sex with him against her will (rape?)

A husband forcing a wife to have sex with him when she is not emotionally ready

The abused individual feels worthless and dirty. Also, a wrong attitude towards sex results so that the marriage bed is affected. In severe cases, major mental problems such as Multiple Personality Disorder or other similar disorders may result, especially in gang rape, other types of violent abuse or cases of Satanic Ritual Abuse.

The person needs to be cleansed and purified in any deliverance to remove the effects of these impure demons.

With sexual abuse, there is also the situation of people giving sex in exchange for love (the old lie that 'sex with me means he loves me') and being dumped afterwards. The dumped person feels used and betrayed and is destroyed emotionally by this. Her self worth and self-esteem are destroyed as well.

In a marriage, the abused woman, after having sex with her husband will feel used and dirty and/or like a prostitute and impure if he forces her or uses her to satisfy his lust without satisfying her needs, so that sex becomes an event to be dreaded at the worst or at best a duty of love that is not enjoyed as it should be.

The more a husband serves his wife out of love for her the more she can respond sexually.

Sexually abused people can feel dirty and worthless, so they never really have joy or expect to have joy, and have little expectation of doing anything worthwhile or of finding real happiness. These attitudes occur in all abused people in some degree but sexual abuse seems to heighten them. This is probably because the whole person is violated and not just a part of them. The whole being, spirit, soul (mind/emotions), and body are engaged or involved during sexual contact so sexual abuse affects every part of a person.

Sexual abuse in marriage can also occur when sex is withheld or used as a reward for conditions placed upon the partner's obedience. Sometimes it may also be marital rape when forced on an unwilling partner.

It is to be remembered that abuse is a deliberate misuse of something or someone and not just an accidental incorrect act against another.

Spiritual Abuse

One of the greatest spiritual abuses is to claim a man has spiritual headship over a woman. This is based on an incorrect interpretation of Ephesians. Many biblical scholars do not believe Paul wrote Ephesians along with some other books attributed to him as it is not in his style of writing and language which means someone wrote it in his name as a form of reverence (common in his time). So this passage is not by an apostle.

We do have headship written about by an apostle in 1 Peter 3 which I discussed earlier which indicates headship is domestic and not spiritual.

Spiritual abuse is a result of legalistic and perfectionist parent(s) who do not know the Grace of God and in a sense feel they have to 'work' their way to Heaven through correct obedience so that legalism replaces God's quality of love and mercy and The Holy Spirit's guidance is not sought because they have The Bible as a guide. It presents a merciless God that affects the child's image of God. It uses the Bible as a whip and denominational rules as bondage.

The other form of spiritual abuse is from Christians and pastors who criticize and wound people, making them feel that they are inadequate or have sinned so badly that God cannot use them. These condemned people cannot face God as the people they believe represent God have condemned. Jezebel spirits are good at this as are pastors who walk in the flesh and not led by the Holy Spirit.

Many people have left churches because of this and are afraid to go to them and have a negative view of Christianity.

Legalism (rules more important than the person)

Abuse of authority over family by husband or abuse to a church by a minister or denomination (headship abuse)

God's Grace, love and mercy not shown

A belief God requires effort and service to be acceptable

A belief you are inadequate spiritually to serve God

Authority misused gives a wrong picture of The Father so the person has trouble relating to The Father

Economic Abuse

The abuser controls the money supply and possessions so that the abused person is completely dependent on the abuser. This ensures the abused person cannot leave the abuse situation, as they have no money to do so and often must beg to get it and endure a tirade of how bad they are at using money so unwisely and how fortunate they are to have the husband provide for them.

Control of finances and investments

Control of property

Control of purchasing for house necessities/shopping funds

Control of pleasure

Control of what makes the person acceptable to be given money

Guilt for spending money even for necessities when the guilt is not warranted

In all cases of abuse, God's Love is missing and this is why the abused person develops wrong attitudes and coping mechanisms. To get attention (attention = love) people will do negative (wrong) things, knowing they will get into trouble. But at least they get attention. To a child or young person any attention is better than none, so much do they need love and attention.

In summary

Laziness or lack of energy is often caused by depression that is a result of abuse. There are other signs of abuse, such as addictions the person cannot stop, incorrect love for others, low self-esteem etc., but these vary according to the person's reaction to the abuse and can be subtle. If you see abnormal behaviour in a person, then consider that there may have been abuse to that person. Overweight can be a sign of abuse where food is used as a coping mechanism which is why diets do not work as the abuse is still there. As a general rule, overweight people are usually abused people as they have no self-respect and do not care how they look while very thin people are also abused as they care too much how they look so they can be accepted for their looks.

When questioning the abused person, show no emotion at anything evil or wrong they have done, but smile and be friendly, as they will often be afraid or ashamed to tell what happened.

Compassion towards them can often help in finding out the truth. Any condemnation, criticism, or

horror as to what has happened will make them stop talking (and is actually a form of abuse), as they have already, in their own mind and heart, faced enough of these already and usually have enough self-condemnation to make them ashamed to tell others what has happened to them

Deliverance ministry is usually needed to completely free them

Their sins are the business of nobody except them and Jesus. Remember, He removed their sins at Calvary through redemption so these are no longer a spiritual problem and so are the spiritual concern of none but Jesus.

Results of Abuse

Feeling of isolation

Who can love me, I am so bad or worthless

God cannot

Family cannot

I cannot

No one knows how I feel; I am so lonely

I am not worth knowing so I won't try any more

Maybe I am better off dead

Satan uses isolation to stop you from getting help and from finding out that God can deliver you and use you more than you realise. This trapped feeling is because you cannot see a way out, as Satan has hidden it from you. It is there promised by God and Satan has to stop you seeing it (1 Cor 10:13).

Feeling of being trapped

How do I escape this?

Who will help me escape?

Will I ever be normal and worthwhile?

Wrong self image

I am worthless

I cannot be loved

I will never amount to anything worthwhile

I am good for nothing

These are the lies Satan uses to stop you from relating to and serving God as you should. Satan's whole purpose of abuse is to create dysfunctional people who cannot relate properly to God, others or themselves, or serve Him as God would like them to.

Various mental disorders

As the person believes the lies about herself, she has trouble facing both her worth and inadequacies and if the trauma is great, she will try to partition off the painful memories. Demons inhabit the partitioned memories and cause the so-called 'alters' of Multiple or Bipolar Personality Disorders to manifest. These are not separate personalities as the spirit cannot be divided, however, the soul can be (the Bible says it has rooms or mansions). As the soul is the filter for the spirit, there is the appearance of more than one personality (spirit) in the person. These personalities are really demons.

Bipolar (double-minded man)

MPD Schizophrenia

Identity problems

Irrational behaviour

A possible sign of this double-mindedness, even in a mild form, is having periods of our life which you cannot remember as these are blocked out by the mind because they are so painful and you don't want to remember them. In healing these disorders, it is necessary to ensure that the memories, emotions, and hurts are healed and the total personality is integrated so the hurts can be faced when the demons are cast out and the blockages are removed.

As the personality is affected, it is this that must be given to Jesus to heal.

Remember that The Holy Spirit rarely speaks to you with a voice but uses impressions, thoughts, pictures etc so any voice in your head is probably a demon and should be cast out to the Throne of judgement in Jesus' Name. If the voice does not go away, you need to ask The Holy Spirit why? Remember also that The Holy Spirit will never ask you to do anything against Jesus or to harm yourself and thoughts of harming yourself do not come from you either.

He never places shame, guilt or condemnation on a person as these were dealt with at Calvary but convicts a person of sin or what they need to change or do.

The progression to suicide

Fear

Anxiety/stress

Depression

Feeling of an inability to cope

Hopelessness

Despair

Suicide

Abuse results in

Hard to trust authority figures

Wrong view of The Father

Hard to relate to our Father in heaven

Hard to accept The Father's Love

Hard to trust men

Hard to believe God loves you enough to save you

Because their view of authority (their physical father or other relative) is wrong, they do not have a proper view of their Heavenly Father. Problems arise in regard to salvation (works theology creeps in requiring them to feel they need to do things to be saved) and to worship in an acceptable way (are we worthy enough to be accepted without ritual to make us acceptable?) Such rituals may include: repetitious prayers, long salutary openings to appease God, abject petitioning. These are performed because of lack of belief that God will answer their prayers because they are not worthy or acceptable enough and must appease Him. They also have trouble accepting the fact that God loves them as they are and not as they think they should be to be loved and that everything works for their best, because they do not feel worthy of His hearing them and loving them.

Often they will do something to please a person at the cost to themselves when they do not need to do the thing they did to please the other person. Appearances to them are also important as it hides what they are and can give them a false sense of self esteem because of how they look.

It also affects relationships with others, in that they do not feel worthy to relate to others and assume an inferior position, even if only subconsciously. This shows itself as a "fear of man" which has many forms, one of which is shyness. The other extreme is to control people so that they feel superior and in this way, we acquire their self-esteem and protect their insecurities.

Until you stop defending yourself and face the truth of a situation you will never mature much or resolve any problems you have.

Self-rejection and low self-esteem

Low opinion of abilities

Will take abuse as I'm not worthy of better

God cannot use me

Why bother trying to please God

We do not try to achieve great things, as we do not feel worthy or acceptable enough to do them, and so we settle for what is second best. Our relationships are not correct as our hurts get in the way and we don't know why the problems are there in our marriage or friendships. We also blame ourselves as we believe we are not adequate or deserve better things.

We will trust few people fully so that we feel isolated and distance to most people and have trouble forming close relationships, even with our spouse.

Abusive marriages

Some wrong attitudes that result from the abuse:

'At least I get some love (sex = love usually)'

'This marriage is better than none, (and I cannot do better in finding a husband)'

Relationships with anyone who will accept you (regardless of the abuse endured to keep the relationship as you believe you cannot find a better one or another one who will accept you).

‘At least he loves me enough to talk to me’

‘This is the best I can do, as I am not good enough to have anyone better’

In order to develop a relationship with God, it will take effort in doing the things that build this relationship. The degree that you desire to have an intimate relationship with God determines the effort you put into developing that relationship. The degree of intimacy you desire with your spouse will depend on what you put into the relationship and your relationship with God. Deliverance is the first step in this road to wholeness.

This lack of self-worth, self-acceptance, and self-esteem is a major reason why people identify in fantasy with important people or see themselves as famous or esteemed in scenarios which they create in their minds. It is also why people idolise television, sport and movie stars as they live their worth through these people and through the actions they carry out on the screen. This is how they get pleasure and self-fulfilment, which they cannot appear to obtain in real life. Satan has used a lie to replace their reality and the deliverance Jesus offers.

Television soap operas are so popular with women, for their romance and glamour; action movies are with men, because of their macho actions and attitudes. We are a traumatized age that lives and gets our worth and value, at times, only through movies, television, or sports stars. People who are not damaged do not do this, and you will find that they do not need to watch these types of television shows and movies and in fact may find ministry to another better than these.

People who have sexual problems in their marriage look at pornography to give them pleasure. This group is another large dysfunctional area in the western world. Husbands do not feel adequate enough for their wives to accept them sexually. Extra-marital sex occurs because they obtain ‘love’ from the person they are not married to which seems to be missing from the marriage.

No man goes to another well unless their well has dried up. No partner goes to another for love and/or sex unless their partner has problems that needs deliverance and often it is a simple thing that marriage has compounded and which deliverance before or during marriage would have prevented.

Satan controls the media and has used it to keep damaged people damaged, because they rely on the media to meet their need and not on Jesus and His deliverance. While the church hides in its buildings and does not do the works of Jesus, that of demonstrating the Kingdom with signs and authority and God’s gifts, this invasion by the media, into our life will only get worse.

Coping Measures

Coping and dulling measures are designed to numb the emotional pain while legalism, perfectionism and rituals of any kind are designed to make you feel secure and acceptable. Coping mechanisms are actually taught by demons that have entered as a result of the original abuse. They bring in sickness, death, or disability and other demons as well who add to these things. All disease is in some way a result of demonic intervention. A common pattern that manifests in the area of emotions is fear and anxiety sometimes leading to heart attack or mental illness. Emotional Trauma can lead to Bi-polarism or Multiple Personality Disorder.

Some coping and dulling measures:

Sex

I am loved (love = sex)

I am worthwhile (they want me sexually)

I have value (I am worthwhile to have sex with)

Relationships outside the marriage (usually with the same sex) where you can express your problems and obtain comfort or self esteem. If it is with the opposite sex then affairs can result and divorce may result.

Dulling measures

Drugs (alcohol, smoking)

Music (head banging, loud rock and heavy metal)

Sport

Movies

Television

Collecting things

Religion (cults)

Specialist fields of knowledge

Religiously doing things you know will not get you into trouble

Religion (I am a good churchgoer and do all the things the denomination/cult says, therefore God must accept me, and I must be a worthwhile person since I am able to obey the legal requirement of the church/cult)

Legalism, perfectionism and ritual

Fear of authority/man so you 'toe the line' and do what they say even though it might not be the right or correct thing to do

Acceptance through performance and obedience so you do what is required no matter what it means

Access to God by ritual or prayers that are established or formulated as well as 'works' acceptable to the authority in the church

Worship or prayer mechanisms that have worked in the past are used as they appear to 'please God' and be accepted by Him

Wrong view of God's love

How can God Love me I am so terrible and unworthy

How can God accept me as His Child I am so terrible and unworthy

Proper Biblical coping mechanisms

Know your relationship to God

Know His provision for you in resisting evil

Know your worth to Him

Trust completely in His Love, Control, Purposes and Plans for you

Serving the Kingdom as a citizen of the Kingdom

Having a proper relationship with Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Helping others to be free from the kingdom of darkness.

Deliverance for the abused and fighting the abuser on the spiritual level

The abuser has demons controlling them and guiding them to abuse others or to react incorrectly to others. These demons can be bound in Jesus' Name and prevented from using the abuser against you.

All demons need to be removed from the abused and, if possible, the abuser.

Remember, you need to find the root cause before a person is delivered fully from a problem. Do not just deal with the results of the manifestation. Work through the causes till you find the root cause of the problem.

Matters to Learn and Develop

Those who are abused need to know the truths that will set them free.

The Abuser	The Abused
Demons will try to control the abuser as much as is possible	The abuser has only as much control as you let him in most abuse situations (unless he forces you to submit through violence in the cases of physical abuse).
Demons control the abuser	Jesus is greater and in His Name (authority) the demons can be bound and made ineffective
The abuser must make you think and feel about yourself in an incorrect way in order to be able to abuse you as he desires too	The Truths of God about who you are as person along with a proper self-evaluation and spiritual warfare prevent the lies of the abuser from taking hold.

Those who are abused need to be shown how to cope Biblically and to not use their current coping methods.

The Abuser	The Abused
Works through fear and manipulation	Take the pain to Jesus to heal it and ask Him how to deal with the situation. Stand up to the abuser

	fearlessly and it causes them problems and may often stop the abuse. Bind the demons using him against you
The abuser does not love themselves so cannot love others and hope they are loveable but do not believe this.	Love the person, but not the abuse
	Cry to Jesus for deliverance from the abuse when it happens
	Deliverance and healing are required to remove the foothold the abuser has made in your personality and mind.
Abuser must get you to focus on them and not Jesus to keep you bound	Realize who you are in Jesus so the lies of the abuser can no longer take hold

Those who are abused need to assert themselves and if they cannot do this in the presence of the abuser, then they should leave the area of abuse for their own sake until they can do so. They are stewards of their spirit, soul, body and mind and must protect these on behalf of Jesus so you must remove them from areas of harm.

The abused needs to learn how to trust God and His love again.

They need to know how to fight off demonic attacks done through the abuser.

The Abuser	The Abused
Motivated by demon (but they do not realise the thoughts are not their own but are placed there by demons)	Need to bind the demons in abuser so they cannot use them to attack. Need to know spiritual warfare
Needs deliverance from demons	Need to pray for the abuser so they will see their need for Jesus and deliverance from the demons in them

It is important to forgive the abuser as The Father in heaven requires you to do that so He can forgive you your offence toward Him. There are many Christians in hell who would not forgive someone who had offended them.

Your Position in Jesus

Those who are abused need to walk close to Jesus so that they keep their identity correctly in focus and so that they know their worth is based on His worth of their lives, rather than on their actions, works or others' opinions of them. They need to remember that Jesus Loves them as they are and not as they think they should be or others say they should be.

Someone can say all they want about you or to you but ultimately it is what Jesus thinks that matters. Just as the abused have received the understanding that their salvation is based on what

Jesus has done for them and the fact nothing more need be done, other than believing in faith and obeying Him, so must they also learn to walk on a daily basis in this attitude and its consequences in their life.

Remember that if a person criticises you to listen to what they say then evaluate it to see if any of it is correct. The Holy Spirit will show you what part of what they said is correct and how to deal with it in your life.

This is why you never argue, reason assume or react but ask The Holy Spirit what to do.

Worship also helps them affirm your position in Jesus and worship is also emotionally healing.

Healing the Wounded Heart

Pro 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so he is

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The heart that is damaged places a protective shell around itself so that it cannot be hurt any more. Jesus can break this shell, but then it exposes all the person's hurts underneath as well as their fears that caused the shell in the first place. These areas of hurt and fear need healing as well. Once this happens, the person can start to love again. This can be difficult unless the memories and emotions are healed enabling the person to take the risks necessary to relate to others correctly. They also need to learn to not react towards others as a result of the fear of being hurt or because of fear of additional pain. Any deliverance in this area must cover all of this.

They must also trust Jesus for the results of expressing His Love as they have been commanded to by Him and He will deal with any consequences that occurs as a result of loving or obeying others as He Loves them.

Satan will try an abuse a person who demonstrates the Love of God and/or the Authority of The Kingdom of God as they will cause them problems when they grow up. Jesus will always empower the abused to overcome the abuse eventually and will help them endure it until then. Meanwhile He is using it to mature their faith and the relationship they have with Him and The Father.

If you cannot overcome the abuse and it is not able to be used by Jesus to teach and mature you then perhaps you need to examine yourself to see if there is any sin or you are not where Jesus wants you at that time.

Women who are hurt greatly have trouble trusting people, and only the power of unconditional love will obtain their trust and help them to live normal lives again. This love requires acceptance of their actions as well as responding in love to them regardless of what they do. Confrontation usually only worsens the situation as that is what has driven them away in the past. As usual, The Holy Spirit needs to guide you in this.

If they are a Christian you can cast out demons they do not want or who came in uninvited using the five steps.

Warring Spouses

Hindrance to reconciliation:

The major hindrance to reconciliation is that the love of God is not shown in the relationship in the way it should be. This is because The Holy Spirit has not been asked what God desires done about the problems of the relationship. The relationship has been killed through fear and/or real or supposed rejection. We are commanded to Love by Jesus (John 13:34-35) and He states that we are His followers if we Love as He commands us too. This is not a discretionary thing. It is a command so we are to do it regardless of the cost to us.

This lack of love results in four things that further poison the relationship with God and their spouse:

Unforgiveness

Bitterness and root of bitterness

Wrong emotions towards our spouse

Defence of yourself at any cost including the marriage

These occur because their focus has been taken off Jesus onto themselves and their problems so that they are no longer led by The Holy Spirit but by reason and fear.

Each of these has serious consequences for the person holding them in their heart. It also results in small things done by their spouse irritating them and causing further problems. Often the small things themselves are of no eternal consequence and are used by Satan because of this.

Unforgiveness is the most serious of sins as it stops you from going to heaven. Jesus said in Matthew 6:15:

“But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

If you do not forgive others then the Father in heaven cannot forgive you your sins and you do not go to heaven. It is not that He will not but that He cannot as He has to reward you according to your choices and if you do not forgive another he cannot do to you what you have chosen not to do which is to forgive.

Bitterness is the next stage after unforgiveness. It will always have a hearing. Bitterness will find reasons to criticize another and results in maligning others and often slandering them and will always find someone to tell these things too. It is gossip in its worst form as it is vindictive. Bitterness definitely ensures you do not go to heaven if not repented of.

The resultant offence caused toward your spouse ensures that you cannot bring your gift to God, so anything you do is not acceptable to God while you knowingly do not reconcile to the person you have offended.

Jesus said in Matthew 5: 23-24 *“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”*

The requirement for you is to try and reconcile. If they do not accept it then it becomes their problem but God can once again accept your ministry (your gift to Him). It is not the success of the reconciliation that restores you but the attitude of wanting to reconcile as in that is the love of God shown and not in the result which is an expression of the attitude.

The marriage covenant is binding. It is made before God and He alone can declare it broken. We are responsible to hold ourselves to the covenant regardless of the behaviour of our spouse. The fact that we follow Jesus keeps us to this covenant as it is really obedience to His requirement of us in regard to the marriage. The fact that a spouse is not keeping their part is irrelevant. We are responsible for what we do with our life and not what they do with theirs.

To break this covenant without His permission is to break the vows you made before God to your spouse.

Spiritually, there may no longer be a marriage as the other partner had rejected you as their spouse for various reasons. The spiritual side of the vows made before God still stand though, unless the other spouse or yourself have committed adultery.

Jesus is merciful and if a person is too damaged to deal with these issues, He will often take them home before they lose their salvation or He will appear to them and give them a choice. He is merciful and not legalistic.

Both spouses need deliverance and healing to be able to relate as they should. I recommend that couples have deliverance ministry before the marriage vows are taken in order to remove hurts and pain that will cause problems in the marriage.

Unfortunately many do not do this and after they are married one spouse usually obtains deliverance or matures further in their faith while the other does not and the problems in the marriage worsen. One suffers while waiting for the other to change to what God desires them to be. The spouse who has had deliverance has the responsibility to pray for the other until they are free of hurts and pain and can relate as they should. If the abuse is too great then the abused spouse can leave (for their own safety) until God deals with their marriage partner or removes their marriage partner from this earth.

Sometimes one spouse becomes a Christian and the other does not. The responsibility, then, is for the Christian spouse to pray the other into The Kingdom of God and not nag them into it. There is a promise in 1 Peter 3:1-6 for a Christian wife who is married to a non-Christian spouse.

How does this war of the spouses begin?

Satan needs to stop communication between the partners so they do not know how they feel about each other. He knows that if they knew their love for one other he could not poison their minds toward each other.

He starts by sowing doubts about whether or not their spouse loves them. Next he tries to make the husband/wife uncertain about their own love toward their spouse. Uncertainty about their love occurs and then fear starts to rear its ugly head. Fear of rejection, fear of inadequacy, low self esteem (fear of being worthless) all come into play and the walls and masks come up. Any attempt at communication with or relating to the spouse is rejected (as it threatens their self-worth), so that each spouse lives their own life and relates as little and as best as possible and may end up

divorced. There may be unrepented anger at the other spouse which stops deliverance and will prevent the angry spouse going to heaven.

The relationship is stilted and each partner looks elsewhere for fulfilment and meaningful relationships, so adultery or inordinate friendships occur. Each spouse devises their own coping mechanisms intended to restore self-worth and to cope with the situation. Coping mechanisms can include hobbies, more involvement in work, and other external activities that do not need to involve the other spouse. When hurts are taken into a new marriage, these breakdowns can accelerate quickly and after a short time they wonder what they saw in the other person.

If the emotional hurts are really bad, addictions occur to ease the hurt (sex, drugs and alcohol are the common ones).

If a spouse love their partner in the way Jesus Loves them and communicate any hurts to their spouse has done to them (before Satan can use it to divide them) their spouse will respond out of their love for them and deal with the problem so it does not arise again.

A knowledge of spiritual warfare is helpful in praying for your spouse.

How to deal with the abusive situation

Deliverance ministry is necessary to remove the hurts and to heal the person as well as to remove any demons using the person or situation to their advantage. This ministry will also remove any walls in the soul or masks/coping mechanisms the person has so that the person can relate as to others as they should. It will deal with unforgiveness, bitterness root of bitterness and wrong attitudes as well, leaving only the matter of dealing with people whom they may have offended.

Both spouses will need deliverance but one will need it more than the other usually.

Communication skills and interpersonal relationships skills should be taught along with each spouses' roles as defined by the Bible. It is when the husband or wife steps outside of these Biblically defined roles that Satan can attack the marriage. There is also a need to hear The Holy Spirit in order to know how to perform the roles God has given you as well as how to demonstrate God's Love toward your spouse. You have no choice but to show love if you are a follower of Jesus.

Note: In modern Bibles Satan has hidden the deliverance ministry and the authority we have been given over him and his workings because he knows that when Christians recognise the authority they have been given over him they will be able to attack him and his plans and remove any damage he has done to people.

Attitudes

The husband

The husband has an awesome responsibility - to love his wife as Jesus loves His Bride, the Church. If a wife rejects the domestic headship of the man he cannot love her as he should, and eventually there will be little marriage relationship and often he will go elsewhere to get what he needs. This is how divorce and adultery occur. No man goes to another fountain unless his has run dry.

Remember, submission by the wife is to Jesus, who asks her to then submit to the domestic authority of the husband. She needs to trust the Love of Jesus for her in respect of what He has asked her to do.

She is not disobeying her husband but disobeying Jesus if she does not submit domestically as she does not trust Jesus sufficiently to obey Him and trust Him for the consequences of His command to her.

Remember that headship in a marriage is only domestic as Jesus is the spiritual head of everyone.

The wife

A wife has four requirements in marriage in regard to her husband:

Respect her husband

Not defraud him sexually

Submit (domestic only)

Love husband like Christ loves him (Jn 13:34-35).

In the days of arranged marriages the wife would not necessarily know her husband and may even have met him for the first time at the marriage altar so she would not love her husband at marriage. Jesus only asked her to respect the husband and submit domestically to him. Spiritual submission was not commanded in a period when Christians were the minority and it would be rare for an arranged marriage to be between two Christians so that it would be common for the spouse to be married to a non-Christian (who was under the rule of Satan). Jesus would not place the spouse back under the headship and kingdom of Satan to be ruled by him again.

Respect can lead to and foster love, hence the need to respect someone so love can develop. If you do not respect a person then everything he or she does can irritate you. Respect is required in domestic headship. Christian love is especially needed when it is difficult to respect the spouse. Both are to walk as guided by The Holy Spirit so that they know how to relate to each other.

Communication, forgiveness and repentance should be constant between the husband and wife so Satan cannot get a foothold in the relationship. Both partners need to constantly inform the other of how they feel and need to discuss any feelings of rejection, any fears or anything their partner does that hurts their love for their partner.

They should build up and edify one another and show gratitude for what the other partner does. The family that reads The Bible together and prays together around the evening meal grows together.

They should not take each other for granted but appreciate one another and what they do for each other (Housework, mowing lawns, etc.). The couple should spend time with each other building and reinforcing the relationship and at times helping their spouse as a servant in their area of responsibility.

They should encourage one another spiritually. The family that prays together stays together.

Whenever there is a disagreement they should ask if it is of eternal significance and how to show love in that situation. They should talk it through and ask The Holy Spirit for what He says should be done if The Bible is not clear on the matter or area involved.

Give the spouse to Jesus or they can become an idol. He can change them and give them back to you as a new creation as well as reconcile them to you.

Marriage requires work, but the benefits far outweigh the effort. Since Jesus is sending people out in two's, spouses who are in a dysfunctional marriage will not be permitted to serve Him as He desires. They may also be in danger of being excluded from the ministry that is involved in the last three waves of the coming harvest.

Stewardship of life and its defence

God has given the woman a life to be steward of anything and that threatens to harm it needs to be removed or if that is not possible then she is to remove herself from its threat.

So if a woman is abused to the point that harm will come to her she has a responsibility to God to remove herself from that threat as well as any children she has been given stewardship of with her husband. If he was carrying out his stewardship properly she would not have to leave so it is usual that the children are also abused and need to be removed from the abusive spouse.

If a woman abuses a man then he has to leave with his children to preserve what he has been made steward of if there is any threat to his or his children's health, emotional, mental, physical or spiritual.

Divorce

Divorce occurs because love no longer is in the marriage and the person goes elsewhere for it. If you resolve differences and are led by The Holy Spirit in all you do then divorce cannot occur.

Deliverance is needed by both parties if they desire not to divorce and a correct understanding of each of their roles and what it means to serve in love needs also to be understood. They also need to communicate their fears and anything that may place a strain on the marriage.

Jesus hates divorce and marriage is supposed to be for life and if we are led by The Holy Spirit we will not seek divorce but reconciliations. Remember Jesus is Lord and not our feelings and emotions which are usually a mess before the divorce is entered into.

Miscellaneous Advice in regard to a divorce situation

Do not accept shame, guilt or condemnation from others. . The Holy Spirit will convict you of sin but not shame you, make you feel guilty, shame you or condemn you. The opinions of others are not important as it is what God thinks that matters. Do not accept shame, guilt, or condemnation from yourself in the form of self-recrimination. Shame, guilt and condemnation in regard to spiritual matters were dealt with by Jesus at Calvary and any of these you feel after salvation comes from Satan. In Jesus' Name these should be cast to The Throne of Judgement in Jesus' Name.

You must seek to be blameless before God and not man. In other words seek holiness and the Will of God in all you do.

Matthew 6:33: Seek His Will for you and all you need will be given to you,

Emotional,

Physical,

Spiritual,

Mental,

Financial.

You must trust God implicitly, that in all that happens He is making the best for you of a bad situation (Rom 8:28).

Do not Let Satan rush you into hasty decisions as Satan will use your assumptions and reactions against you so:

Never argue over anything

Never reason things out without all the facts

Never assume anything

Never react to anything

Always ask The Holy Spirit what to do

Where possible have a second witness you can trust who hears God clearly.

Do not make additional life-changing decisions at this time: change of job, change of location (where unnecessary), new partner.

You need to hear the Holy Spirit and be led by Him,

You need to know how to find the Will of God.

The key to surviving divorce is to take the problem Jesus. To take anything that causes you fear, emotional pain or hurt or will lead you not to love your partner and sin against them in some way.

Learn Spiritual Warfare

Remember this is a spiritual battle fought with spiritual weapons and must be seen from a spiritual perspective. You did not ask for the emotional trauma of divorce, but rather it was thrust upon you. You are in a spiritual battle for which you are able to handle (or God would not have allowed it) and for which He will provide all the spiritual weapons you need to fight the battle with and the people to stand beside you and help you in this fight. The battle before divorce was to save the marriage. The battle now is to keep yourself from the ravages Satan will want to place on you, your children, as well as your God-given possessions.

Remember! God Loves you and all that happens to you is a result of His Love (out of His Love for you He limits what can happen to you) and so is best for you. So never doubt God's Love, Control. Purposes or Plans for you as there is nothing else left if you do and you will become depressed and despair. All you need to do is repent and use the five steps to deal with these things and as you are taking all to Jesus you will have a strength that others will wonder at and will be kept by your faith in Him and His Love and Control through this most trying of times.

Divorce is a release to a new life and the freedom to be the person God wants you to be. The old must go for the new to come and the more you hold onto of the old the more painful will be the divorce. But if you give it all to Jesus there is no past to hold onto (Luke 9:62) and He can restore of it what He wants too (and what you let Him restore) or replace it with something better.

Conclusion

Marriage is a gift from God and the Bible says that a wife is a good thing to have. But it needs working at communication and developing a servant attitude out of the love you have for each other. God has given us The Holy Spirit to guide you in all things and that includes marriage. So if you desire a good marriage learn to listen to The Holy Spirit as you resolve problems so that you will both agree on the solution and there will be no fear or disagreement in the marriage but only an expression of God's Quality of Love.

Corollary

What does a true Christian man desire in a woman?

God accepts you as you are and not as others think or say you should be. If He did not accept you as you are you would not have salvation and redemption. You need to see yourself how God sees you:

His adopted childhood

A Citizen of His Son's Kingdom

A relative to protect and provide for. Who is always seeking for what is best for you and to deepen the relationship He has with you as well as to prepare you to be forever in heaven with Him..He cannot do anything else. After all He is Perfect Love!

You need to learn how to develop the relationship you have with Him as well as how to rest in His Perfect Love of you.

Do you need make-up, fine or trendy clothes or jewellery to make yourself acceptable to Him? They are Satan's worldly standards where looks are more important than what you are in your heart. He looks at your heart and not what you wear.

These things do not show what you really are like and portray a false image of you as they portray something you are not as a Christian – a person who uses worldly standards of dress.

If your self esteem and self value are correct you will not need them to feel adequate as a person in all areas of your life.

External appearance and abilities are not God's test of a woman. God looks at the heart and a true Christian man will not look at your circumstances, abilities or your outward appearance but at your heart because that is what God looks at.

A Christian man will look at your modesty in dress and attitude, your humility, your gracious speech and love to others and will be guided by The Holy Spirit to you.

SO do not follow Satan's worldly ways to attract men but draw near to God and follow His ways and you will find the person God has for you as well as being praised for your Godliness by people.

***Pro 31:30** Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

***1Ti 2:9** In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment;*

1Ti 2:10 but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works.