# ANSWERS to Common Questions (Part-1)



Part 1:

Christian walk, Marriage

Part 2:

Lifestyle, Theology, Church



Q#1, What is an idol? How do i know whether there are idols in my life? How do i get rid of them?



Anything that takes God's place in my life is an "idol".

An "idol" could therefore be a person, a material object, or an emotion



# (A)honest self-examination 2 Corinthians 13:5

(B)Ask the Lord to examine our hearts
Psalm 139:23,24



Re-establish God's rightful place in our lives

(A)by worshipping Him

(B)obedience



Q#2, When God says He will give you wisdom and knowledge do you go out and look for it say read books or through any other means or is it done in a supernatural way through situations or experiences that God takes us through.



We gain wisdom through several sources

1, from the Lord by His Word and the work of His Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2)

2, by our experiences over time



3, by observing/reading/learning from other people's experiences

4, through the counsel of wise people who can speak into our lives (Proverbs 10:13)



Q#3, Overcoming fear - I am basically a shy person and at times have fear of man this keeps me from interacting with people. Does the bible speak about this how can i get rid of these fears?



Proverbs 29:25
The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.



Fear is caused sometimes by our wrong thinking.

In some cases, fear is a spirit, it is demonic.



Ways in which we can overcome fear:

1, Receive inner emotional healing from God

2, Renew our mind

3, Have faith



2 Timothy 1:7
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.



Psalm 27:1-3

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.



Q#4, Trust in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Pastor could you please explain this.



Psalm 37:4
Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of
your heart.



John 15:7
If you abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, you will ask what you
desire, and it shall be done for you.



Q#5, Are children always under the verse that says obey your father and mother. When you have plans for your future and your parents have another set of plans are you disobeying them when you follow through with your plans. Is one guilty as long as the plans are not against God's will.



There is "obedience" and there is "honor" (Ephesians 6:1,2).

Ultimately, as adults we are answerable to God as to whether we have obeyed His directions for our lives (2 Corinthians 5:10).



Q#6, Is it necessary for young people to respect and obey people in authority within the church. Who are the people in authority within and outside the church.



God has commanded us to submit and obey to authority in various spheres of life:

- ✓ Children to their parents (Ephesians 6:1,2)
- ✓ A wife to her husband (Ephesians 5:22)
- ✓ An employee to his/her boss/supervisor (Ephesians 6:5)



✓ A citizen to civil authority (Romans 13:1-5, 1 Peter 2:13,14)

✓ Believers to Church Elders - pastors and those set in different levels of authority in a local church (Hebrews 13:17)





Q#1, Is it wrong to want a beautiful wife or handsome husband without neglecting the fact that the person has a relationship with Jesus Christ. Do we have the freedom to choose who we want to get married to or do we wait for God to bring the right person. Could you share with examples from the bible as well as scriptures on this.

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once you have put important priorities in place, then it is not wrong to have your personal criteria for what you would want to have in a spouse.

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Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.





Finding the right person for your life is a combination of following God's leading and you making the choice.

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While God is orchestrating things, we must also be actively seeking.

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Proverbs 18:22
He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

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Proverbs 19:14
Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

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### 1 Corinthians 7:36-38 MESSAGE BIBLE

36 If a man has a woman friend to whom he is loyal but never intended to marry, having decided to serve God as a "single," and then changes his mind, deciding he should marry her, he should go ahead and marry. It's no sin; it's not even a "step down" from celibacy, as some say.

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### 1 Corinthians 7:36-38 MESSAGE BIBLE

37 On the other hand, if a man is comfortable in his decision for a single life in service to God and it's entirely his own conviction and not imposed on him by others, he ought to stick with it.

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### 1 Corinthians 7:36-38 MESSAGE BIBLE

38 Marriage is spiritually and morally right and not inferior to singleness in any way, although as I indicated earlier, because of the times we live in, I do have pastoral reasons for encouraging singleness.

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Q#2, Do I as a believer only have to marry a believer? (What if my parents don't understand?)

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Yes. We know that this is God's instruction (2 Corinthians 6:14, Amos 3:3)

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- 1 Peter 3:1-2
- 1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,
- 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

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Q#3, If a believer is in relationship with non believer is it fine to continue that relationship? As per my understating everyone is a son and daughter of God and its unfortunate that one of the person is born in an unbelieving family. But what If there is hope of that person will come to Christ going forward. Not because of us but Christ. We don't change people, God does. (1 Corinthians 7:12, 2 Corinthians 6:14)

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Before marriage, 2 Corinthians 6:14 applies.

Although the Lord is ready to save each person, that individual still has to make their decision.



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IF a person is already married and then comes to know the Lord, this is where 1 Corinthians 7:12-15 applies.

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Q#4, My Question is Regarding marriage. If a person comes to Christ from another faith and is living in **Christ faithfully in-spite of many** issues(like against their family, if he/she comes from non-Christian background), now it is a time for marriage. What should they do? who will help them? Kindly pray and help with practical guidance.

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- 1, elderly people in your church
- 2, Christian matrimonial sites
- 3, Register with the "marriage bureau"
- 4, Be open





Q#5, Is divorce an option? My husband is a womanizer, flirts with other women, etc. and I have confronted him, and he has accepted this but is unwilling to change.





God does not approve of divorce (Malachi 2:16).

Marriage is for a lifetime, until death do us part and we must strive towards this.

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There are some situations where divorce is permitted and the marriage dissolved:

- ✓ Unfaithfulness (Matthew 5:32)
- ✓ Willful desertion of an unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15)

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