

CouplesInBloom.com – **Ministering To A Monster**

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God has pure, simple, and effective instructions on how He requires us to love ⇨ Matthew 22:35-40, including to those who do not love back ⇨ Matthew 25:34-40. If we do **not want to love such people** (including a spouse), we qualify as a human ⇨ Matthew 26:39, 42 (**Jesus did not want to love us** by crucifixion). Christians **do** love by choice and **not by** “want to”, just as Jesus chose obedience over emotion. Otherwise, like Satan, we exalt our self higher than God (!) acting like we are above loving the way He loves **us!!**

God said there are two parts to the kind of loving He requires ⇨ Matthew 22:35-40...

a) Pour all we have. (Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength).

b) Sow what we desire. (Love our neighbor as our self). *This is so important!!!*

For real-life application from the Bible, understand what living God’s way consists of:

a) Christianity is not about us. (Heaven **will** be great for **us**... worshipping **God**).

b) Marriage is not about us. (Being the earthly model of intimacy with God, God made marriage to thrive by **mutual, exclusive servanthood**. It’s about our **spouse**).

If you plan on getting married, do not marry someone who does not fully embrace the Biblical definition of love. If you, yourself, do not fully embrace the Biblical definition of love, do not marry... as this selfishness will make your marriage **miserable** (see the word “miser” in there?), **frustrating** and **unfulfilling**. Satisfaction comes from a heart that is **passionate to minister to**; **giving** hearts are the only ones who **improve** life ⇨ Acts 20:35.

Example: your spouse is a **monster**. What is a **monster**? The Bible word means a big, hideous, preternaturally (unusually) formed beast. Practically speaking, your spouse has issue(s) that render them impossible to deal with. If they have become a fool, it is not likely (anyone’s) words can help ⇨ Proverbs 26:4 and 5 together. **They need pain** ⇨ Proverbs 26:3 “A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of fools.”

Yes, **pain**, but **not** from you! (Besides, they may already consider **you** to be the pain). God may use anything, even demons ⇨ 2 Chronicles 18:18-21, 1 Samuel 16:15-16, 21-23; or Satan ⇨ 1 Corinthians 5:5 to **minister** the **pain**, but your spouse’s free will has the final say (in this life). Every **monster** Scripture refers to **God’s** dominion **over monsters**.

So what should **YOU** do? **1) Learn from your monster:** God hates both violence and separation ⇨ Malachi 2:16. Heaven has neither; sinful earth has some: besides protecting yourself, humble yourself and ask God what you should learn *in your misery*. Doing this (sowing in your famine ⇨ Genesis 26:1-12) yields life’s **richest** (hundredfold) blessings. **2) Turn in repentance** from whatever God tells you to; this helps you and your **monster**. **3) Burn in intercessory prayer FOR** (not against) goodness to enter your **monster!!!** ⇨ Matthew 5:44. **YOU were God’s monster!** ⇨ Romans 5:10 **so minister life like Him!**

The best human efforts are like menstrual discharge to God: thoroughly incapable of giving life ⇨ Isaiah 64:6. Just because we may have more maturity or freedom than our spouse is no reason to be arrogant. In fact, God requires **more** from those who understand more ⇨ Luke 12:48. **Ministering to a monster** is the role of those close to them, and **not** being a **monster** in return! Help by having God’s heart and **minister to your monster.** ♥