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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO THE  
COMPILATION OF E. G. WHITE STATEMENTS  
CONCERNING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

[While it would probably be unwise to distribute generally these particular communications because of a possible misuse that might be made of them, they are submitted for the study of executives as showing Sister White's advice in certain perplexing cases. It seems clear, as W. C. White said, that Sister White did not intend that such counsel should "be used as a law or a rule in dealing with these questions of marriage, divorce, remarriage and adultery."]

Case Not Bettered by Leaving Present Wife

[Counsel given in response to the proposal that a long-standing marriage union be dissolved because one of the parties had many years before divorced, without Bible grounds, a former companion to make the present union possible.]

I have just read your letter concerning \_\_\_\_\_. I regard the matter in the same light that you do, and think it a cruel, wicked thing that the father of \_\_\_\_\_ should take the course that he is taking. . . . I would say that his case can not be improved by leaving the present wife. It would not better the case to go to the other woman in the question.

I consider the case of the father one that is singular, and his record is one that he will not be pleased to meet in the day of God. He needs to repent before God of his spirit and his works. The best thing for him to do is to cease to stir up strife. . . . Let the father and brother make diligent work for themselves. They both need the converting power of God. May the Lord help these poor souls to remove spot and stain from their own characters, and repent of their wrongs, and leave \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.

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I am so sorry for the man; for his course is in such a shape that it will not answer to be meddled with, for there are difficulties upon difficulties. I would

say that the Lord understands the situation, and if \_\_\_\_\_ will seek Him with all his heart, he will be found of him. If he will do his best, God will pardon and receive him.

O, how precious it is to know that we have One who does know and understand, and will help the ones who are most helpless. But the rebuke of God is upon the father and the brother who would drive to destruction and perdition one who stands in the sight of God under no worse condemnation than themselves; and yet they will so use their gifts of speech as to dishearten, discourage, and drive \_\_\_\_\_ to despair.

\_\_\_\_\_ may hope in God and do the best he can to serve God in all humility of mind, casting his helpless soul upon the great Sin-bearer. I have not written a word to either father or son. I would gladly do something to help poor \_\_\_\_\_ to make things right, but this can not be done as matters are now situated, without someone being wronged. --E. G. White Letter 175, 1901.

#### The Separation of Hopelessly Mismatched Persons

I have received your letter, and in reply to it I would say, I cannot advise you to return to \_\_\_\_\_ unless you see decided changes in him. The Lord is not pleased with the ideas he has had in the past of what is due to a wife.

. . . If Brother \_\_\_\_\_ holds to his former views, the future would be no better for you than the past has been. He does not know how to treat a wife.

I feel very sad about this matter. I feel indeed sorry for \_\_\_\_\_, but I cannot advise you to go to him against your judgment. I speak to you as candidly as I spoke to him; it would be perilous for you to again place yourself under his dictation. I had hoped that he would change. . . .

The Lord understands all about your experiences, Sister \_\_\_\_\_. Be of good courage in the Lord; He will not leave you nor forsake you. My heart goes out in tenderest sympathy for you. --E. G. White Letter 148, 1907.

"Shoulder Your Cross"--"Show Yourself a Man"

I cannot see what more can be done in this case, and I think that the only thing that you can do is to give up your wife. If she is thus determined not to live with you both she and you would be most miserable to attempt it. And as she has fully and determinedly set her stakes you can only shoulder your cross and show yourself a man. --E. G. White Letter 40, 1888.

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