

Unwise Marriage

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1 1878 EGW Ms 1, 1878

*The work of God has been hindered by **unwise** marriages. Satan will use every device in leading young men who might teach the truth to form **marriage** connections which will defeat the purpose of God. He will seek to lower the standard of spirituality and holiness, so that the church will not be a living, working church. Oh, how careful should those be who take a leading position in churches, that their lives and deportment shall not scatter from Christ instead of gathering with Him!*

Ms1-1878 (October 9, 1878) par. 31

2 1880 EGW Testimony for the Church. - No. 29

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T29 170.1

3 1881 EGW Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4

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4T 506.1

4 1881 EGW The Signs of the Times

An **Unwise Marriage**

ST October 6, 1881

- 5 1881 EGW The Signs of the Times

*Thus at the time above all others when he should have maintained entire consecration to the will of God, just as he was entering upon the stage of manhood, the period when he must execute his divine mission,—at this critical point in his life history, Samson yielded to the tempter, and by an **unwise marriage** placed himself in alliance with the enemies of God. This important step was not carefully considered. Samson did not ask himself whether he could better glorify God when united with the object of his fancy, or whether he was placing himself in a position where he could not fulfill the purpose to be accomplished by his life. To all who seek first to honor him, God has promised wisdom; but there is no promise to those who desire only to please themselves.*

ST October 6, 1881, par. 4

- 6 1881 EGW The Signs of the Times

*Hannah brought no reproach against her husband for his **unwise marriage**. The grief which she could share with no earthly friend, she carried to her Heavenly Father, and sought consolation from Him alone who hath said, “Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee.” There is a mighty power in prayer. Our great adversary is constantly seeking to keep the troubled soul away from God. An appeal to Heaven by the humblest saint is more to be dreaded by Satan than the decrees of cabinets or the mandates of kings.*

ST October 27, 1881, par. 8

- 7 1882 EGW Testimony for the Church. - No. 31

*There are men of poverty and obscurity whose lives God would accept and make full of usefulness on earth and of glory in Heaven, but Satan is working persistently to defeat his purposes and drag them down to perdition by **marriage** with those whose character is such that they throw themselves directly across the road to life. Very few come out from this entanglement triumphant. Bro. —, you are willing to experiment and try to prove that you will be an exception to the general rule. Joseph*

*was one of the few who could withstand temptation. He showed that he had an eye single to the glory of God. He evidenced a lofty regard to God's will, alike when occupying the prisoner's cell and when standing next the throne. He carried his religion with him wherever he went, and in whatever situation he was placed. True religion has an all-pervading power. It gives tone to everything man does. You need not go out of the world in order to be a Christian, but you may carry your religion, with all its sanctifying influences, into all you do and say. You may discharge well the duties belonging to the situation where God has placed you, by keeping the heart fixed upon heavenly things, and thus break the spell now upon you through **unwise** association. Had you followed the light, you would now be able to escape the snares which those who discern not the will of God have laid to captivate your soul.*

T31 120.1

8 1882 EGW The Signs of the Times

*The rules of this college strictly guard the association of young men and young women during the school term. It is only when these rules are temporarily suspended, as is sometimes the case that gentlemen are permitted to accompany ladies to and from public gatherings. Our own College at Battle Creek has similar regulations, though not so stringent. Such rules are indispensable to guard the youth from the danger of premature courtship and **unwise marriage**. Young people are sent to school by their parents to obtain an education, not to flirt with the opposite sex. The good of society, as well as the highest interest of the students, demands that they shall not attempt to select a life partner while their own character is yet undeveloped, their judgment immature, and while they are at the same time deprived of parental care and guidance.*

ST March 2, 1882, Art. B, par. 2

9 1886 EGW Lt 3, 1886

*This question of **marriage** should be a study of both parties instead of a matter of impulse. Obedience to the last six commandments requires this. Crimes of every kind may be traced to **unwise** marriages. Then should they be entered into blindly, by ignorant and inexperienced children? Should not the parents feel their responsibility to guard the interest of*

their daughter when their own mature experience teaches them that should she marry the one who solicits her affections, it would only result in life-long unhappiness?

Lt3-1886, par. 24

10 1886 EGW The Review and Herald

*This question of **marriage** should be a study instead of a matter of impulse. Obedience to the last six commandments requires this. Obedience to the fifth commandment also requires that the young honor the judgment of their parents in the matter. Crimes of every kind may be traced to **unwise** marriages; then why should ignorant and inexperienced children be allowed to enter the **marriage** relation blindly? Parents should feel their responsibility to guard the interests of their children, when their own mature judgment teaches them that should they marry unwisely, life-long unhappiness would be the result.*

RH February 2, 1886, par. 2

11 1888 EGW Lt 6, 1888

*There are such terrible revelations made to me from men and women, bound by **marriage** ties, of the defilement of the **marriage** bed, the abuse of the **marriage** privileges, that the woman yields her body to administer to beastly passions that are destroying physical, moral, and religious health. The untold misery that women suffer through the uncontrolled passions of sensual minds and hearts, debase both the husband and wife beneath the level of the brute creation, and yet all is done under the garb of Christianity. Brother Harper, if he has done an **unwise** thing in suffering his body to be mutilated, has not committed a sin for which there is no pardon, but his case stands before God in a light as far removed from the low debasing crimes committed under the **marriage** vow as light is preferable to darkness. And those who have had so much to say in this case, which has humiliated Laura unnecessarily and laid a heavy cross on her shoulders to carry, will have this work to meet in the judgment.*

Lt6-1888 (January 18, 1888) par. 4

12 1889 EGW Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5

*There are men of poverty and obscurity whose lives God would accept and make full of usefulness on earth and of glory in heaven, but Satan is working persistently to defeat His purposes and drag them down to perdition by **marriage** with those whose character is such that they throw themselves directly across the road to life. Very few come out from this entanglement triumphant. Brother ----, you are willing to experiment and try to prove that you will be an exception to the general rule. Joseph was one of the few who could withstand temptation. He showed that he had an eye single to the glory of God. He evidenced a lofty regard for God's will, alike when occupying the prisoner's cell and when standing next the throne. He carried his religion with him wherever he went and in whatever situation he was placed. True religion has an all-pervading power. It gives tone to everything man does. You need not go out of the world in order to be a Christian, but you may carry your religion, with all its sanctifying influences, into all you do and say. You may discharge well the duties belonging to the situation where God has placed you, by keeping the heart fixed upon heavenly things, and thus break the spell now upon you through **unwise** association. Had you followed the light you would now be able to escape the snares which those who discern not the will of God have laid to captivate your soul.*

5T 124.1

13 1890 EGW Lt 23, 1890

*I feel sad for you, I feel sad for your wife. Your **marriage** was **unwise**. Had you stood in the counsel of God, you would have seen this yourself. Your wife married you to be petted and flattered, to absorb your affections. She is exacting, drawing upon you for sympathy and special favors, and ready to feel injured unless she receives them. You and your wife are absorbed in each other; a lovesick sentimentalism is the atmosphere most agreeable to her, and it has also been most agreeable to you. You two may constitute yourselves a mutual admiration society, but in no respect do you glorify God in this matter.*

Lt23-1890 (January 6, 1890) par. 13

14 1894 EGW Lt 76, 1894

*Too often the **marriage** relation is entered into without proper consideration; none should marry in uncertainty. But if they have not been*

properly considerate in this matter, and after **marriage** find themselves dissimilar in character, and liable to reap unhappiness in the place of joy, let them not <breathe into another's mind>the fact that their **marriage** was **unwise**. Let no third person become acquainted with the matter, but let each in the fear of God seek to understand and to help the other. In my experience many cases have come before me that were most difficult to deal with. Fictitious reading has confused the mind, and **marriage** is falsely colored. As Christians we should discard all this <class of>reading that creates so much unhappiness in the **marriage** life. Persons do not realize their expectation, and nothing that the companion can do is pleasing. The one in this dangerous position should center the affections upon God, and drink of the water that Christ shall give, which will be as "a well of water springing up into everlasting life."¹

Lt76-1894 (March 1894) par. 11

- 15 1923 EGW Fundamentals of Christian Education

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FE 62.2

- 16 1949 EGW Testimony Treasures, vol. 1

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¹Verse 14.

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[1TT 575.2](#)

- 17 1952 EGW The Adventist Home

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[AH 66.1](#)

- 18 1952 EGW The Adventist Home

*Results of **Unwise Courtship and Marriage.**—We can see that innumerable difficulties meet us at every step. The iniquity that is cherished by young as well as old; the **unwise**, unsanctified courtship and marriages cannot fail to result in bickerings, in strife, in alienations, in indulgence of unbridled passions, in unfaithfulness of husbands and wives, unwillingness to restrain the self-willed, inordinate desires, and in indifference to the things of eternal interest....*

[AH 53.3](#)

- 19 1952 EGW The Adventist Home

*Better to Break **Unwise Engagement**—Even if an engagement has been entered into without a full understanding of the character of the one with whom you intend to unite, do not think that the engagement makes it a positive necessity for you to take upon yourself the **marriage** vow and link yourself for life to one whom you cannot love and respect. Be very careful how you enter into conditional engagements; but better, far better, break the engagement before **marriage** than separate afterward,*

as many do. 17 *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 105.

AH 48.2

- 20 1977 EGW Mind, Character, and Personality, vol. 1

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1MCP 302.3

- 21 1987 EGW The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials

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- 22 1990 EGW Manuscript Releases, vol. 13 [Nos. 1000-1080]

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23 1990 EGW Manuscript Releases, vol. 18 [Nos. 1301-1359]

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18MR 312.2

24 1991 EGW Counsels for the Church

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25 1998 EGW Daughters of God

Unwise Marriage Can Ruin Usefulness—If those who are contemplating marriage would not have miserable, unhappy reflections after marriage, they must make it a subject of serious, earnest reflection now. This step taken unwisely is one of the most effective means of ruining the usefulness of young men and women. Life becomes a burden, a curse. No one can so effectually ruin a woman's happiness and usefulness, and make life a heartsickening burden, as her own husband; and no one can do one hundredth part as much to chill the hopes and aspirations of a man, to paralyze his energies and ruin his influence and prospects, as his own wife. It is from the marriage hour that many men and women date their success or failure in this life, and their hopes of the future life.—The Review and Herald, February 2, 1886.