



QA: Do I Have To Be Married? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

#1 QUESTION: "Do I have to be married to be a good Christian?"

ANSWER: NO. Jesus the Christ, who began the idea of being a Christian, was not married. Paul wrote to "the church of God which is at Corinth" (**2 Corinthians 1:1**) and reminded them that "I have betrothed you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (**2 Corinthians 11:2**). Jesus is in a relationship to His church as a husband is related to his own wife, therefore Jesus was not married on earth that He might be free to be wedded to His church! He kept Himself pure for His pure church (**Ephesians 5:25-27**). The Apostle Paul was a "good Christian," but he wrote: "But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am" (**1 Corinthians 7:8**). Marriage is a choice, not a necessity. All of those "forbidding to marry" (**1 Timothy 4:1-3**) are condemned by God as those who "depart from the faith."

#2 QUESTION: Is it really against Scripture to be physically aggressive or violent with others, including family?

ANSWER: Violence with no lesson to be learned is forbidden. Jesus taught:

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either." (**Luke 6:27-29**)

Paul wrote:

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (**Romans 12:18**)

This begins at home.

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. (**Ephesians 5:28-29**)

There is absolutely no permission given for a wife to be physically abused, since she is one flesh with her husband, and "no one ever hated his own flesh." Our human fathers may correct us "and we paid them respect" (Hebrews 12:9), but "correction" is "discipline to bring us back to the teaching."

#3 QUESTION: Is disciplining children against the Bible?

ANSWER: No.

The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother. (**Proverbs 29:15**)

Parenting a child is a Mother-Father project that requires both “rod and rebuke,” not just one of these. Parents are sadly misguided who only use “time out” or cajoling language without setting limits. If you do not raise your children, you will have to raise your grandchildren! There would be more discipline if there were more fathers married to the mothers!

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