

## Services

**POBLO International is available to provide education and counseling to churches and individuals.**

An increasing number of people are approaching POBLO seeking answers regarding women dating or marrying a non-believer and converting. If you are dating a non-believer or know someone who is and would like to discuss the situation, POBLO has trained and experienced pastors and missionaries who can provide valuable information and guidance.

Our diverse backgrounds and extensive experience with other religions and cultures enables us to help you navigate some of the challenges you may be facing. We can help bring hope, resolution, and, by God's grace, restoration to the Christian faith.



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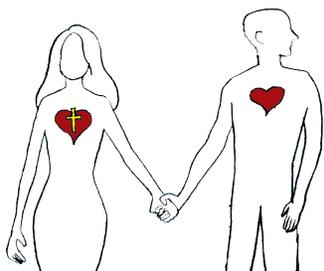


***“Do not be yoked with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”***  
***(2 Corinthians 6:14)***

## The Background: Why Is This Important?

**It is becoming increasingly common for Christian women in the U.S. to date and marry non-Christian men.**

While dating a non-Christian man may seem like a harmless exploration of culture, who you date and marry has significant implications. Studies indicate that it is usually Christian women who marry outside their religion, rather than vice versa, it is critical to understand the profound religious differences between non-believer and Christians when considering such a union.



## Understanding the importance of being unequally yoked

**The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)**

Thousand relationships have ended shockingly on the grounds that ladies expected, they could change their men! In all probability he is additionally hoping he will transform you or that your religious energy will smooth after marriage. In addition, before marriage a man is more encouraged to keep a women happy, than he ever tends to be after marriage. If he doesn't change before marriage, he is most unrealistic to do as such later.

Marrying a non-believer reduces the purity factor in the life of the believer and the divine institution of marriage. The purposeful joining of the believer to an unbeliever is an affront to God's holiness, Godly marriage is a reflection of the Christ-church relationship.

In His beauty, God does not look upon the Christian wife or the kids as foul or unclean, but God's word about being unequally yoked is explicit— having once read it, one cannot deny it.

Worshipping other Gods, and participation in all of the paganism that was involved in the accompanying rituals is an abominations against the Lord.

To emphasize the impossibility of a believer uniting in a permanent relationship with an unbeliever, Paul asks several questions:

"What partnership have righteousness and lawlessness?" He is referring to the fact of the believer's position in Christ. When we receive Christ we are made righteous in God's eyes. He accepts us because we are clothed in Christ's righteousness. It is, therefore, inconceivable that one who is in a position of perfection would attach himself/herself to one who worships other gods, or follow different religious ideologies.

"He also asks what fellowship light has with darkness?" When a believer marries non-believer, disharmony is a natural result.

**"The Bible forbids intermarriage between believer and non-believer, but not between members of different ethnic groups". (1 Corinthians 7:39)**

Therefore, against the spirit of indifference, alienation, and hostility in our land, let us embrace the supremacy of God's love to take new steps personally and corporately toward racial harmony, expressed visibly in our communities and in our churches.

## Understanding the Culture: What Islam Says about Women and Marriage

### MEN ARE SUPERIOR TO WOMEN

- "And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in kindness, and men are a degree above them." (Surah 2:228)
- "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other." (Surah 4:34a)
- "Women are an affliction to men." (Hadith Al Bukhary vol. 2:541)

### WOMEN ARE DEFICIENT AS WITNESSES

- "And call in to witnesses, men; or if the two be not men, then one man and two women, such witness as you approve of, that if one woman errs the other will remind her." (Surah 2:282)

### POLYGAMOUS MARRIAGE

- "A man can have up to four wives. "Marry of the women, who seem good to you, two or three or four; and if ye fear that ye cannot do justice (to so many) then one (only) or (the captives) that your right hands possess. Thus it is more likely that ye will not do injustice." (Surah 4:3b)

### SEXUAL RELATIONS IN MARRIAGE

- "Your women are tilth [field] for you (to cultivate), so go to your tilth as ye will, and send (good deeds) before you for your souls, and fear Allah." (Surah 2:223a)

### ADULTERY

- "The adulterer and the adulteress, scourge ye each one of them (with) a hundred stripes, and let not pity for the twain withhold you from obedience to Allah...And let a party of believers witness their punishment." (Surah 24:2)

### DIVORCE

- "A husband can divorce his wife for any reason or for no reason. Women cannot divorce their husbands; only men can initiate divorce under Sharia law." (Surah 2:229)

### RAPE

- "In the context of captivity (e.g. through war), rape is permitted. This has been commonly practiced by Muslim Jihadists. "And all married women (are forbidden unto you) save those (captives) whom your right hand possesses." (Surah 4:24)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- "As for those [women] from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them..." (Surah 4:34a)

### MODESTY AND THE VEIL

- "...Tell thy wives and thy daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks close round them (when they go abroad). That will be better, that also they may be recognized and not annoyed." (Surah 33:59a)