

# “Unequally Yoked”

Theory: Great relationships are possible, but they are not probable.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Unequally Yoked

Opposites Attract

Initiator – Responder

Extravert – Introvert

Thinker – Feeler

Structured – Unstructured

Spender – Saver

Being Unequally Yoked

When you don't share the most important thing in your life with the most important person(s) in your life.

Spiritual Mismatch

2 Corinthians 6:14 NIV

Do not be **yoked together** with **unbelievers**. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Deuteronomy 22:10 NLT

You must not plow with **an ox** and **a donkey** harnessed together.

Do not divorce the unbeliever!!

1 Corinthians 7:12-14 MSG

For the rest of you who are in mixed marriages—Christian married to non-Christian—we have no explicit command from the Master. So this is what you must do. If you are a man with a wife who is not a believer but who still wants to live with you, **hold on** to her. If you are a woman with a husband who is not a believer but he wants to live with you, **hold on** to him. The unbelieving husband

shares to an extent in the holiness of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is likewise touched by the holiness of her husband. Otherwise, your children would be left out; as it is, they also are included in the spiritual purposes of God.

## **HELP**

### **Harness the support of others!**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

### **Exercise Restraint.**

1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT

...you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

### **Live your faith.**

1 Peter 3:1-2 NLT

...your wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing **your pure and reverent lives**.

### **Pray!!**

Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

And I will give you a **new heart**, and I will put a **new spirit** in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, **responsive heart**.

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