

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

12:07:15

Theme: CAUSES OF UNEQUAL YOKE

Memory Verse: *Genesis 16:2-3 “And Sarah said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarah. [3] And Sarah Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife”.*

Texts: 2 Samuel 17:24-26

Impatience as seen in the case of Abraham in going in into Hagar resulted to the problems we are seeing today in the World. This is what unequal yoke can cause when we are not careful and disobey the word of God. Covetousness/Greed/Incontinence as manifested by Judas in selling Jesus (Mark 14:10, 11). Worldliness and carnality as typified by Demas (2 Timothy 4:10). Unbelief, wilful disobedience as seen in Samson’s relationship with a Philistine woman (Judges 14:3).

As result of ignorance, Joshua was deceived into making an unwholesome pact with the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:3-21). Inordinate ambition, was what drove Absalom and gang into shameful defeat and disaster (2 Samuel 17:24-26). Unequal yoke, either in marriage, friendship, business or worship, is very dangerous. Unequal yoke is practical compromise. And compromise is the beginning of backsliding, a very dangerous spiritual glide down the drain.

Though no immediate effects may be apparent when one goes into unequal yoke especially in marriage, worship and business, it will steadily weaken the foundation of one’s spiritual strength. Though it may possibly not lead to an immediate open sin, it will surely – but imperceptibly – cool off that fervency of spirit which attended his first love. The unequal yoke in marriage might appear to be working well at the beginning until several unpleasing and spiritually disastrous signals begin to show forth. Unequal yoke eat like canker therefore beware.