

**STRIKE THE ORIGINAL MATCH**  
**THE PROJECT: LET'S CONSIDER THE COST**  
**COLOSSIANS 3:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**



**The Heart of the Matter**

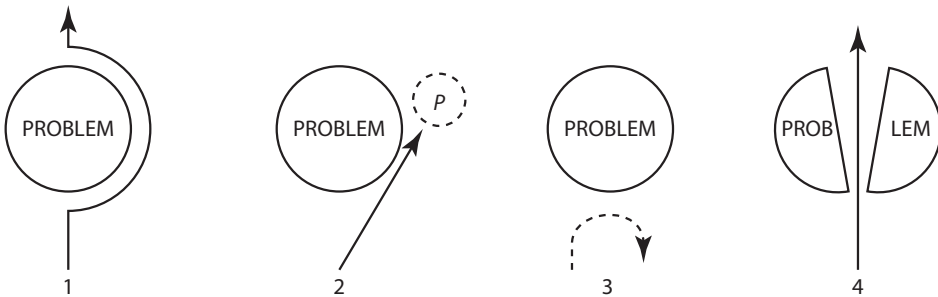
Changes are never cheap. Remodeling a house is expensive . . . but restoring a home is *infinitely* more costly! No one ever worked through a difficult, hurting marriage without paying a very high price. This fact alone causes many partners to refuse the process. The pain of changing is, in the opinion of many, too great to bear. But for those who do change, how sweet it is! God declares that the husband-wife relationship is to portray the deep, close, loving relationship Christ has with His bride, the church. When a Christian marriage is dissolved, God loses one of the greatest theological seminaries in the world. How difficult it becomes to declare the love of Christ when marriages are destroyed!



**Discovering the Way**

**1. Common Resistance against Restoring a Home**

When it comes to solving problems we're confronted with four options. We can go around. We can go aside. We can go back. Or we can go through.



**2. Costly Responses That Restore a Home (Colossians 3:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)**

Changing yourself is costly but worth it. To make significant changes, you must dig in, give up, start over, and carry through.



**Starting Your Journey**

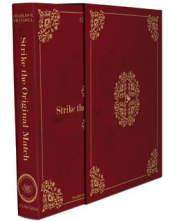
If you do the hard work of changing yourself, you'll reap the common rewards of wisdom (seeing with discernment), understanding (responding with insight), and knowledge (learning with perception).



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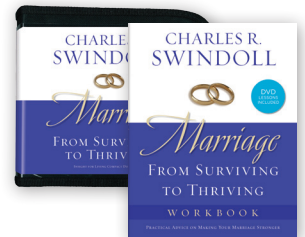


**Tools for Digging Deeper**



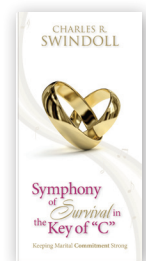
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