

for a person to recognize that if he finds he has made a mistake it is far better to cancel the mistake rather than to let himself be pushed into marriage because of moving in that direction. Even if it causes unpleasant feelings. Those are just offhand ideas on that.

Neher: Another matter. Say that you have been married and that for one reason or another--either difficulties in your life situation or perhaps some mistake in your choosing of a wife--say you do find yourself as a Christian in a marriage which all the sudden the great feelings which you have had for your wife appears to have slackened off, and you feel poorly about the marriage itself, what are the steps which you would suggest that a person do in that position?

I would say when a person marries he is taking vows to love and honor the person. True love is not a matter of a sensation. It is a matter of will enters into it. A person determines to love another, and a person can love someone and do everything he can to help them even if they don't reciprocate. That is entirely possible.

I would feel that a Christian should enter into the relationship very slowly and consider it very definitely to be absolutely sure they are right. But after they do, they should do it with the definite intention of a life situation. Of course the other person may break it in some way. You can't tell what will happen.

But I would feel that a person should themselves be determined to stand by the vows that they took when they were married. As I said I think it's wonderful if people can have a lot of common interests, but I believe that almost any two people of good will can find enough common interests to make it satisfactory. And almost any phase of marriage if it doesn't work out, there are other phases that are worthwhile. So if one is really determined to, one can.

Neher: As far as Christian workers are concerned, you spoke of having a common interest in the things of the Lord. I know that many of us who have had seminary training would have some kind of difficulty because we are so much more ~~trained~~ trained in some of the specifics of the Scripture, in some cases, far beyond what our wives know that sometimes the technical approach --

They may not be at all interested in. But certainly in the whole area of Christian work there are plenty of areas in which two people can have common interests. And if a person with much less education is definitely interested in knowing what the Scripture means, they will be much interested in hearing what a person discovers by himself.